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# RETROFITTING THE CITY FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

**W**ith earthquakes a way of life in Southern California, it's not a matter of if, but rather when, we will experience another significant seismic event, one perhaps greater than the 1994 Northridge 'quake. Although the City of Santa Monica adopted mandatory seismic retrofit standards in 1999, many buildings in our community continue to be at risk, making it essential that these standards are updated and enforced.

This spring, the city is launching an updated Seismic Retrofit Program that affects more than 2,000 older buildings identified as potentially seismically vulnerable, with notices to affected building owners set to be mailed in phases.

At a minimum, identified buildings must have a structural analysis conducted to determine if retrofit is necessary, or if current retrofit standards are already met. Single-family dwellings are not included in this program. In addition to program guidelines for building owners and tenants, a map portal to buildings which have been identified as possibly requiring retrofit is available on the city's website.

Residential tenants and merchants occupying buildings that are included in the program should be assured that the purpose of the retrofit program is to increase safety. Buildings

targeted for retrofit will benefit from increased performance during earthquakes and aftershocks once necessary work is completed.

The subject of pass-through costs for seismic retrofit improvements to tenant-occupied buildings will be heard by the City of Santa Monica Rent Control Board, where the application of such costs will be determined. Although a board hearing has not yet been scheduled, further information may be obtained by contacting [rentcontrol@smgov.net](mailto:rentcontrol@smgov.net).

Questions and requests for more information and assistance may be directed to the city's Building and Safety Division at [seismic@smgov.net](mailto:seismic@smgov.net).



## RETROFIT PROGRAM RESOURCES

Find these reports, maps and guides on our website at [smgov.net/seismic](http://smgov.net/seismic):

- Potentially Vulnerable Buildings Map and List (Search the interactive map to see if your property may be impacted. Inclusion of a building on this list is not confirmation that the building is structurally deficient, hazardous or unsafe.)
- Proposed Building Owner Notification Schedule
- Compliance Time Frame (Includes the five types of buildings with structural characteristics that make them less resilient to earthquakes.)
- Owners' Guide to the Seismic Retrofit Program
- Tenants' Guide to the Seismic Retrofit Program
- Staff Reports to City Council and Ordinance

# WHAT'S NEW, SANTA MONICA?

## 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. All city offices are closed on alternate Fridays as part of the city's commute trip reduction plan to improve air quality (May 12 and 26, and June 9 and 23). Offices will also be closed on Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.

**BUY LOCAL'S 2017 "MOST LOVED" CONTEST** drew more than 3,250 votes for everyone's favorite Santa Monica restaurants, shops and other businesses. Check out the results at [buylocalsantamonica.com](http://buylocalsantamonica.com), or pick up a *Santa Monica Daily Press* "Most Loved SM 2017 Guide," available at locations all around town beginning May 2!

**BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE! COAST**, Santa Monica's open streets event, returns this fall on Sunday, October 1. Watch for more info in the next *Seascape* and later this summer at [smgov.net/coast](http://smgov.net/coast).

**MAY 7-13 IS "Municipal CLERKS WEEK"** and the Santa Monica City Clerk's office is celebrating with giveaways, displays of historical documents at City Hall, and educating the community about its online public portal to city records. For more information, visit [smgov.net/clerk](http://smgov.net/clerk).



*Join the City of Santa Monica, local civic groups and dignitaries as we celebrate the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Surrounded by the beauty of one of the city's landmark resources, ceremony highlights will include a Condor Squadron military flyover and musical performances by the John Adams Middle School Choir, with other activities to follow. Food will be available for purchase. Visit us at [woodlawns.com](http://woodlawns.com), find us on Facebook @WoodlawnSM, or call 310.458.8717 for more information.*

★ ★ ★ Woodlawn ★ ★ ★  
 Cemetery, Mausoleum & Mortuary

**79th Annual Memorial Day Observance**  
 Monday, May 29, 2017 - 11am

1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404  
 (310) 458-8717

free admission  
 music and activities following ceremony




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# CITY'S 2017-19 BUDGET TAKES SHAPE

**T**his July, the City of Santa Monica will start a new, two-year operating budget cycle. The release of the proposed budget in mid-May offers both the City Council and the community the opportunity to review and comment on the allocation of city resources from July 1 of this year through June 2019. The final budget will be adopted on June 27, 2017.

## PRIORITIES AND THE FRAMEWORK

The FY 2017-19 budget will introduce a performance framework, a structure that will prioritize work toward shared goals and track its success through a set of defined metrics. The framework consists of five outcomes—community, place and planet, learning, health and economic opportunity—and builds upon Santa Monica’s core sustainability values and recent work in wellbeing, while also linking the city’s work to a set of outcomes.

This framework will serve as the basis for Santa Monica’s performance management program, called SaMoStat, and is the first step toward measuring what works, and where the city can do better. Developing the framework will be an incremental process, starting with the grouping of operational and capital programs with outcomes. In the coming year, the city will define metrics that will measure program effectiveness and inform staff on how to adjust their efforts to better meet goals and direct resources to those activities that will most benefit the community. The city will update and review information regularly as the SaMoStat program develops.

## Community Input

The proposed budget will be available for review online at [smgov.net/budget](http://smgov.net/budget), at City Hall in the City Clerk’s office, and at all libraries beginning May 15. Staff will present the budget to the City Council at budget study sessions on May 23 and May 24. Council will consider the budget for adoption at a public hearing on June 27. Community members are encouraged to email comments to Council at [council@smgov.net](mailto:council@smgov.net), and are also invited to speak at the Council meetings.

## Anchoring the Budget to City Values

**Sustainability:** Santa Monica’s first Sustainable City Plan, adopted in 1994, identified organizational and community-wide sustainability goals for the environment, local economy and community quality of life, and established metrics to track progress toward meeting those goals. After a community process in 2003, the city expanded the plan, recognizing the broader and more comprehensive reach of sustainability principles beyond traditional environmental measures.



**Wellbeing:** The Wellbeing Index is based on data and emerging research into what conditions lead to positive outlook, and helps identify Santa Monica community needs and challenges. The Wellbeing dimensions were built in partnership with the Rand Corporation, New Economics Foundation, and an international, interdisciplinary panel of experts. Input from more than 3,500 resident surveys, conversations with over 590 community members, and consultations with nearly two dozen experts and researchers from around the globe resulted in the creation of the Wellbeing Index.



For more information, please visit [smgov.net/budget](http://smgov.net/budget).

*We hear you*

The final draft of the  
**DOWNTOWN  
COMMUNITY  
PLAN**  
was released on April 12, 2017.  
Check out [DowntownSMplan.org](http://DowntownSMplan.org)  
for more details,  
including the public review schedule.

**Downtown Community Plan  
By The Numbers**

- 1,200 people provided feedback on Downtown priorities online
- 40 community presentations
- 7 focus groups conducted
- 4.6 million social media impressions
- 8,700 visits to [DowntownSMplan.org](http://DowntownSMplan.org)
- 3 Downtown walking tours
- 3 community workshops

#ThePlanSM  
[DowntownSMplan.org](http://DowntownSMplan.org)



# A STATEMENT FROM MAYOR TED WINTERER: EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND CLARIFYING THE CITY'S ROLE IN ENFORCING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

**S**anta Monica has a rich history of embracing diversity and acting with compassion. These are two key community virtues that attracted me to Santa Monica. It's a primary reason my wife and I chose to raise our family here. It's what drives me to serve as Mayor. These are qualities that we must protect and nurture.

Actions have been taken by the new president and his administration in recent months that do not align with our vision of diversity and inclusion. The President's orders direct the federal government to employ all lawful means to execute immigration policies, including deportation laws, and eliminate most federal grant money that goes to sanctuary cities.

While our immigration system could benefit from reform, this should happen in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner guided by our nation's principles of due process, human rights, accountability and equal protection for all under the law. The President's strategies test the notion that our democracy and civil system of governance is something of which we must be proud.

Here in Santa Monica, we reject racial profiling, mass deportation and travel bans as means for immigration enforcement. They foster fear and make residents hesitant to reach out to law enforcement as witnesses or victims of crime or accidents, or to simply go about their daily lives and go to work or attend school.

At City Council's February 28, 2017 meeting, we adopted a resolution clarifying the City's role on federal immigration policy and practice. This resolution will help to address the very real and serious concerns from our community. It is intended to codify and affirm the City's position on these matters. We have pledged to not use City resources including our staff to investigate, apprehend, detain or register any individual whose only offense is that of being undocumented. Our Police Department will continue to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement agencies only when an individual is arrested for criminal activity.

Further, my colleagues and I have also directed City staff they shall not aid in the creation of a registry or database that is based on a person's religious affiliation, race, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, gender, or sexual identity or orientation or share any data that may have inadvertently been collected. Our Council is committed to do all we can to ensure all citizens in Santa Monica live without fear and feel respected and welcomed. All members of our community should

be able to live in peace without fear or hesitation of interacting with any member of their local government.



Maintaining a diverse and inclusive city is one of our Council's top priorities. Historically, we have promoted programs and policies that protect those who live and work in our city and fostered a community based on tolerance and inclusivity. Now this is more important than ever.

As a community we celebrate our diversity. 23% of our residents are foreign-born immigrants. We welcome four million of our 8.3 million annual visitors from places outside of the United States. The strength of our community lies in this diversity. It makes us a vibrant, healthy and innovative city. All of our residents and workers contribute to the economic and social fabric of Santa Monica by establishing and patronizing businesses, contributing to arts and culture and achieving significant educational accomplishments.

We will be working with the community to provide information on laws and rights and to create a conversation to help us know what to communicate to our county, state and federal representatives about what support we need locally to protect our neighbors and defend our values. Last week, we partnered with local community organizers and hosted our first Immigration Community Forum. Hundreds of Santa Monicans attended. I heard concerns about keeping families together, how to say safe and where to find resources. Our staff will continue to work with the community and hold additional meetings and "know your rights" legal clinics as needed and continue the dialogue between the community and the City's leaders. Join us as we look for opportunities to partner with local organizations on a citywide campaign of solidarity against the Administration's actions on immigration to keep Santa Monica a diverse, culturally rich, dynamic, caring community.

I encourage you to be informed, get involved and help make a difference. To read the recently adopted resolution, explore links to helpful resources, and learn more about Council's Inclusive and Diverse Community strategic goal, visit [smgov.net/diversity](http://smgov.net/diversity).

Ted Winterer  
Mayor

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: CITY SERVICES BUILDING

### BUILDING TOWARD A *New Era* IN CITY SERVICES



**T**he City of Santa Monica is on track to break ground for the City Services Building (CSB) this summer. After years of planning and design development, the proposed CSB will be a proud addition to the Civic Center and serve as an efficient one-stop service center for the community. The CSB will streamline services in a City Hall campus by bringing together departments and vital public counter functions under one roof.

Building the CSB is also fiscally responsible. The project consolidates about 240 city staff currently housed in private, leased space spread throughout Downtown Santa Monica. Tenant leases in our thriving community are expensive, and rates are expected to increase substantially over the next 30 years. The savings realized from not paying private leases will finance the cost of lease-revenue bonds that will be issued to pay for the CSB. In less than 30 years, it is projected that the lease savings will exceed the cost of the construction financing. The following

70 years of the building's useful life will save millions of taxpayer dollars in avoided lease and utility costs.

The CSB aspires to maximize resource efficiency through tracking the Living Building Challenge (LBC) framework, the highest standard for sustainable building design. While the city historically values third-party verification of sustainability, the target of LBC was selected primarily because of its alignment with long-range Council commitments to carbon neutrality, water self-sufficiency and zero waste. The CSB will be both water self-sufficient and energy independent—with almost zero dependence on city resources and infrastructure. It will demonstrate that a paradigm shift from buildings as huge resource consumers to buildings as resource producers is not just an idea but a reality. To address the realities of climate change and drought, Santa Monica and the City Services Building will show the region and the world what is possible.

For more information, please contact [architecture@smgov.net](mailto:architecture@smgov.net).

# CITY YARDS: A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES



**O**nce a month, from 6:30 to 7 a.m., the city's Resource Recovery and Recycling (RRR) employees attend a mandatory safety meeting on the California DMV Driver's Handbook. The lesson on this particular Wednesday in March reviews pages 48-51, "Safe Driving Practices." Shortly after, some 35 to 40 RRR trucks depart from the City Yards to begin the day's collection.

Benjamin "Benji" Alcazar leaves driving a side-loader, heading to his route assignment which is Montana to San Vicente and Ocean Avenue to 11th Street. He drives seated on the truck's right side and, because the side-loader picks up only from the right-hand vehicle side, the truck makes two trips going up and down each alley and street.

Trash trucks have many safety features, like four sets of hazard lights, to indicate the large vehicle's slow-moving nature. There is a two-camera system on each truck: one at the top of the vehicle feeds video to the driver, who can see content dispersion and monitor the truck's load compaction. The second camera, at the rear of the truck, assists the driver when backing up.

It's a clear, blue-sky day and the coastal wind is blowing lightly, with the fragrance of citrus blossoms and jasmine in the air. Early morning exercisers are out enjoying the



With this feature story, *Seascape* offers the first of an occasional look inside the workings of Santa Monica's City Yards, the location of eight Public Works Department operations that will be reorganized as part of the City Yards Modernization Project. Resource Recovery and Recycling is the division responsible for the city's solid waste management.

To learn more about the modernization project, visit [architecture.smgov.net](http://architecture.smgov.net) or email [architecture@smgov.net](mailto:architecture@smgov.net).

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# CITY YARDS

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good weather; for everyone’s safety, Benji honks his horn before exiting alleys and making turns.

Frequently, Benji will stop and get out of his truck to break down cardboard delivery boxes. From his seat, a three-finger control at window height enables him to expertly move the side-loader arm. It picks up 68-, 95- and 300-gallon blue recycling bins.

The city dispatches three types of trash collection trucks. The side-loader services residential and multi-family units; the front-loader services commercial bins for businesses and apartment buildings; and the rear-loader and flatbed

trucks collect bulky and illegally discarded items in alleys and streets.



Every route assignment has three trash trucks separately collecting three waste types: Trash destined for the landfill goes in the black bins, recycling materials go in the blue bins, and food/compost/yard trimmings go in the green or brown bins. Trucks typically unload for waste sorting and transfer two to four times times daily to unload for waste sorting and transfer. In total, about 400 tons of material are deposited at the City Yards (including by private operators SCD and Allan Co.) each day.

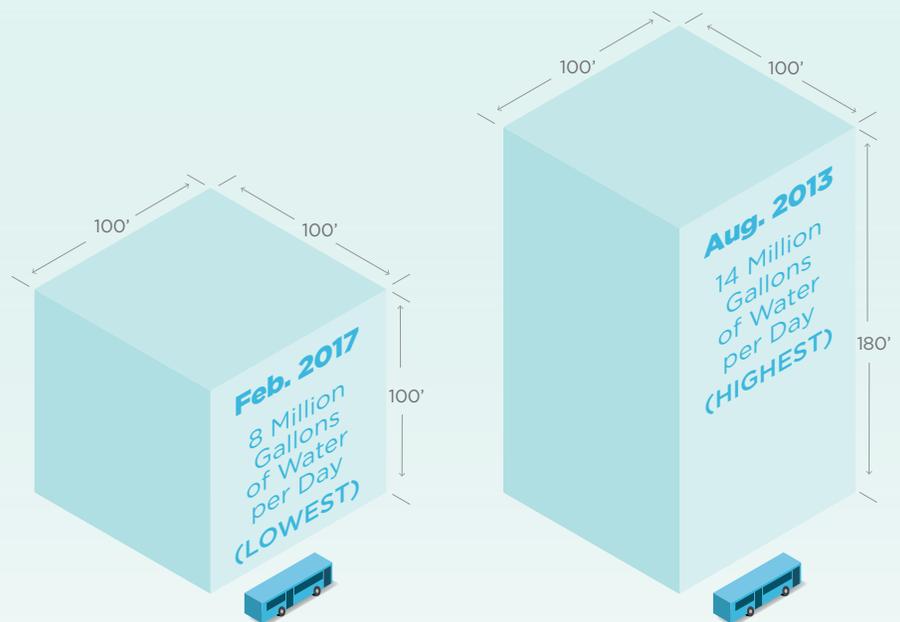
## EVEN WITH ALL THAT RAIN – WE STILL NEED TO CONSERVE!

Spring has sprung and—along with the welcome blossoming of everything under the sun—we can count on antiquated sprinkler systems to apply massive amounts of water, pretty much willy-nilly. It’s ironic that this annual rite with its attendant waste comes immediately after the period of time we use the least amount of water, the rainy season. In fact, February 2017 marked the lowest water consumption numbers we have seen in the last quarter century—as long as anyone currently working in the Water Division has ever recorded.

Remember: Santa Monica’s pursuit of water self-sufficiency hinges on our ability to reduce outdoor water use. Generous rebates are still available to assist homeowners and businesses do their part to achieve the goal; visit [smgov.net/water](http://smgov.net/water) for details.

Santa Monicans used an average of eight million gallons of water per day (MGD) in February 2017. While that is a lot of water, it’s considerably less than the high-water mark set in August 2013, when average daily use peaked at 14 MGD. Such a reduction marks a significant milestone in our pursuit of water-efficient living—let’s keep going!

### Santa Monica Water Demand/Day



8 million gallons of water is equivalent to 266 Big Blue Bus-sized water tanks each day! If you lined up the buses it would be a tank two miles long!

14 million gallons of water is equivalent to 466 Big Blue Bus-sized water tanks each day!

## TECH TALK

## NEW INSTALLATIONS WILL IMPROVE CELL SERVICE



**H**ave you ever had four or five bars on your cell phone yet still had trouble with dropped calls or streaming data? It's a frequent problem in many locations today because the existing cellular infrastructure is simply inadequate to the task of processing the huge quantities of data that many modern smart phone users generate. Addressing this concern, President Obama issued an Executive Order in 2012, declaring such access essential to the nation's global competitiveness in the 21st Century. What followed were new federal and state laws that limit local government authority over expansion of the requisite infrastructure and impose timelines for approval of applications from service providers.

In 2016, the City of Santa Monica adopted a new wireless telecommunication ordinance to protect the city from uncontrolled expansion, while streamlining the review process to meet statutory deadlines. Adherence to city design standards, compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) safety standards for radio frequency emissions, and mail notification to adjacent neighbors are all part of the local review and approval process.

In response to the surge in customer data demands, the private cellular industry has already begun preparing for the deployment of micro-cell sites over the next few years. Micro-cell equipment is often as small as a toaster and, in Santa Monica, will be mounted to existing light standards and telephone poles across the city. These low-power, short-range devices (*pictured above*) can process a lot of data very quickly. As the systems go online, cell phone users will experience fewer dropped calls, faster data transfer speeds and a more reliable network. Phone batteries could last longer because they will not require a boost in antenna power to reach a weak cellular network.

An estimated 600 of these sites will be installed in Santa Monica over the next five years. While the City of Santa Monica will confirm that the proposed installations meet design standards and comply with FCC standards, by federal law it cannot deny installations or even consider public protests based on health or environmental effects of radio-frequency emissions. Such concerns must be addressed directly to the FCC. For more information, please visit [fcc.gov/general/radio-frequency-safety-0](http://fcc.gov/general/radio-frequency-safety-0).



Sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA), National Public Works Week—May 21-27—will be 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. Please join the City of Santa Monica as we acknowledge the efforts of our own public works employees who perform a multitude of duties to keep this community in tip-top shape:

- maintaining the city's parks, urban forest and Santa Monica State Beach
- supplying the city with fresh and clean water
- picking up the trash and recycling
- sweeping the streets
- maintaining the Santa Monica Pier
- providing mortuary services
- maintaining and cleaning city buildings and properties
- managing the operation of the Santa Monica Municipal Airport
- designing and constructing city-owned facilities, including capital improvement projects
- providing services related to the enhancement of public infrastructure and management of public right-of-way
- maintaining streets and alleys, crosswalks and painted markings, and parking meters
- servicing fleet vehicles

The city will host an appreciation luncheon in mid-May to honor the hard-working men and women who play a very large role in Santa Monica's quality of life.

Searching for innovative ideas and solutions to improve Santa Monica's wellbeing through technology.

Visit [hackthebeach.com](http://hackthebeach.com) to learn more.



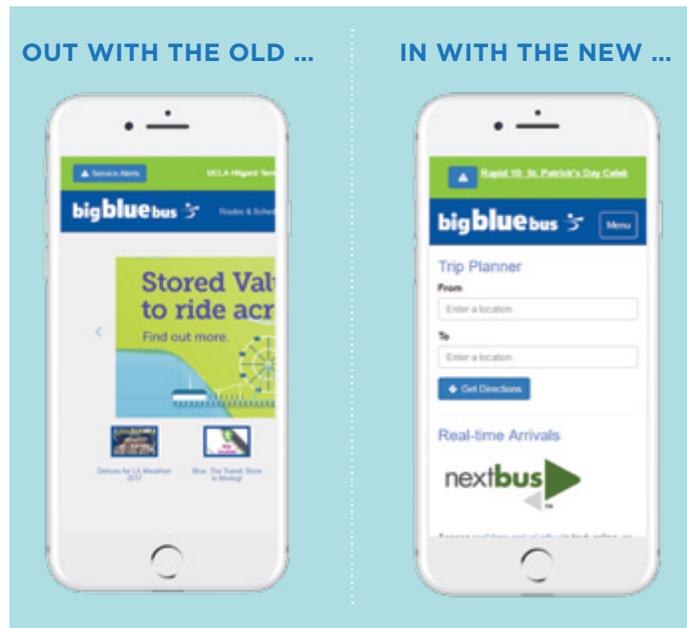
TRAVEL SMARTER

# BIG BLUE BUS WEBSITE AND PAYMENT IMPROVEMENTS MAKE USING TRANSIT EASIER

**T**his spring, Big Blue Bus (BBB) is focused on new ways to improve your total transit experience. Read on to learn about our latest enhancements!

### Introducing Our Mobile-Responsive Website

Most of us have had the unfortunate experience of scrolling endlessly in all directions on a tablet or mobile device to access information on the web—and it's even more challenging when you're on the go. BBB's new mobile-friendly website looks, feels and functions the same as it does on a laptop or desktop screen, but it will now resize itself when viewed on a tablet or mobile phone. This means no more scrunching or side-scrolling needed to easily access the Trip Planner or to view Routes & Schedules. Check out the new site from your smartphone today at [bigbluebus.com](http://bigbluebus.com), and share your feedback on Twitter, using the hashtag #BBBMobile!



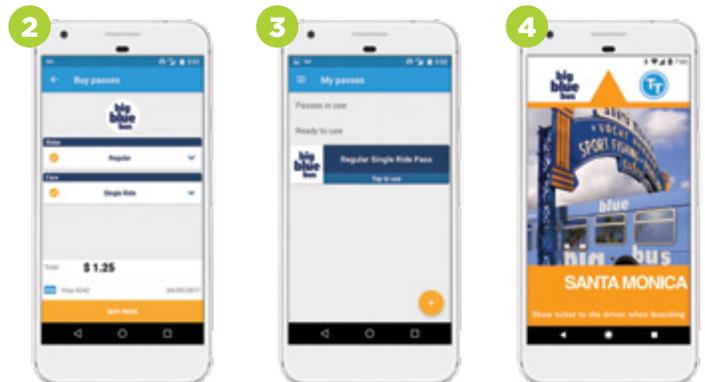
### Ride Blue, Go Cashless

BBB customers are now able to pay their fare with a smartphone, via a mobile app called "Token Transit" introduced in April. BBB is among the first transit agencies in Los Angeles County to offer this mobile-ticketing app! Similar to TAP, Token Transit is another great alternative to cash, helping you board faster and more easily manage your bus fare from your mobile device. Customers can use a credit card to purchase BBB passes and single-ride fares from anywhere! Rides can be purchased for immediate use or, if you're planning ahead, they can be stored on Token Transit for future trips on BBB.



### Pay for your BBB pass with a mobile device, in four easy steps:

- 1 DOWNLOAD** Get Token Transit from Google Play (Android) or the App Store (iPhone).
- 2 PURCHASE** Select a BBB pass type you like (single ride to a monthly pass).
- 3 Activate** When you're ready to ride, tap your pass. All passes are stored in your Token Transit account.
- 4 RIDE** As you board the bus, show the BBB operator your digital ticket. You're good to go!



If you plan to use Token Transit, here are a few things you'll want to keep in mind:

- Currently, it can be used **only** on BBB as a valid form of fare payment.
- Be sure to load your pass on your smartphone prior to boarding BBB.
- Please wait until the bus approaches the stop to activate your fare.
- You cannot purchase transfers on Token Transit. Transfers must still be purchased with exact cash once on board the bus.
- A separate fare is still required when transferring from one BBB to another BBB.

Want to keep abreast of other exciting changes happening at BBB? Join our mailing list at [bigbluebus.com/emailalerts](http://bigbluebus.com/emailalerts).

We look forward to seeing you (and your smartphone) on BBB!



# MOVE SAFE, SANTA MONICA!



As summer draws near and more folks are out and about in our community, the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Police Department want you to know that your safety is our number one priority.

For most of us, walking and driving are part of our daily routine. Take heed of these reminders to keep you, and those around you, safe:

- When walking, be alert at all times. We're all familiar with distracted driving, but distracted walking is a real thing, too. Stay off your phone, don't listen to music and always, always look both ways before crossing the street. And never cross mid-block—the crosswalks are there for you, so use them.
- When driving, be sure you are aware of your blind spots, turn music down, and scan for walkers and bikers. Never assume a pedestrian has seen you—cars are dangerous, so be responsible about the safety of people around you.
- Santa Monica is a community of multi-modal living. Whether you're driving, walking, biking, skating or scootering, be aware of your surroundings and make smart choices.

A community that cares is a community that looks out for one another. And that's Santa Monica. Please—MOVE SAFE and we'll do our part to keep you safe!



# SPOTLIGHT SANTA MONICA



MAY IS

# Bike Month

Photo by Santa Monica Spoke at SMSpoke.org

**S**anta Monica is designated as a Silver level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, which places us in the top tier of Southern California cities. But we're not resting on our laurels! Biking is a cornerstone of our plan to realize City Council's strategic goal of establishing a new model for mobility in our coastal home. In the coming years, millions of dollars will be spent to make it more fun and convenient to bike for commuting, dropping the kids off at school, errands, and recreation.

In addition to improving congestion, biking is key to making Santa Monica more sustainable. Two-thirds of local greenhouse gas emissions are from vehicle transportation, so every time you choose to bike, you are helping to slow climate change and contributing to cleaner air for your children, neighbors, and yourself. Now

that's a breath of fresh air. And if you didn't quite keep up your New Year's resolution to hit the gym more, biking is an easy way to burn calories while you commute.

May is celebrated across the nation as Bike Month and there's no better time to hop on two wheels and get exploring! Use this handy bike map and give biking a try for running errands or visiting friends. We think you'll love it. Looking for more ride ideas? Read on!



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**MORE GREEN  
COMING  
SOON!**

## BIKE MONTH

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### More Green Lanes

Green bike lanes are more visible than traditional bike lanes, increasing driver compliance and safety. Currently, there are green bike lanes on some bikeways, including Broadway and Main Street. More green lanes and sharrows are coming later this year courtesy of a grant from Metro. They're planned for:

- Ocean, Arizona, and Montana avenues
- Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway, including adjacent streets
- Pearl Street
- Ocean Park Boulevard
- 7th, 11th, 14th, 16th, 17th, and 20th streets

### Monthly Rides With the Mayor

Our very own Mayor Ted Winterer is a cyclist, and he's inviting everyone to join him on casual monthly community rides and walks. Past rides have included a tour of our local parks and a feeder ride to CicLAvia. Join us on the next one! Get the details at [smgov.net/MayorsRide](http://smgov.net/MayorsRide).

### Biking on the Beach Path

Biking at the beach is a summertime tradition. The Marvin Braude Beach Trail travels along Santa Monica's beach, extending as far south as Torrance and as far north as Will Rogers State Beach, with easy access to Marina del Rey and Manhattan Beach. The city is in the early phases of a project to improve the path with a separate pedestrian facility north of Arizona Avenue. A community workshop is in the works. For more details, visit [santamonicaparks.org/beach-trail](http://santamonicaparks.org/beach-trail).

Photo by Santa Monica Spoke at [SMSpoke.org](http://SMSpoke.org)

Getting to the beach on the north side of town can be challenging due to the bluffs and Pacific Coast Highway, but there are bridges at Montana, Idaho, California, Arizona and Colorado avenues, as well as at Broadway. We recommend the newly rebuilt California Incline, which is stair-free and features a protected bike lane.

On the south side, check out the new Hollister Avenue connection through the parking lot, with an uphill bike lane and a wide plaza for safe bicycle and pedestrian access.

### Bike It! Walk It! Bus It! Week

All public schools will be celebrating active transportation May 8-12. Check [santamonicasaferoutes.org](http://santamonicasaferoutes.org) for each school's day(s) of observance. Bike It! Walk It! Bus It! days provide traffic and parking relief on neighborhood streets, encourage kids to be active, and inspire families to try something new that might just make their lives easier—and certainly more fun!

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# BIKE MONTH

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### Expo Bike Path

By now, you've probably ridden the Expo Line train to Culver City or DTLA, giddy as you cruise by much slower traffic on the freeway. Did you know that there is also an Expo bike and pedestrian path? It is fully separated from cars, starting at 17th Street and Colorado Avenue. It travels east through West LA, Cheviot Hills, Culver City and Exposition Park. Construction of a new, direct connection from the Expo path to the 1600 block of 18th Street will begin at the end of summer. It will allow easy access to the 18th Street Arts Center, the Crossroads School Norton Campus and other locations without traveling on busy Olympic Boulevard.



### Self-guided "Buy Local" Rides

Buy Local Santa Monica is a campaign to raise awareness of the economic, environmental and social benefits of shopping locally first. Buy Local's self-guided biking and walking tour maps, all available as printable PDFs, entice you to check out the beautiful murals of Pico Boulevard, cool vintage shops scattered throughout the city and much more. Find the maps at

[buylocalsantamonica.com/biketours](http://buylocalsantamonica.com/biketours).

### Save the Date for COAST!

COAST, Santa Monica's open streets event, returns on October 1, 2017! At last year's inaugural, some 50,000 people enjoyed two miles of car-free streets and discovered local food, music, shops, and culture with family and friends. This year's event is still in the planning stages, but you can be sure that it will be fun! Keep an eye out this summer for updates at [smgov.net/coast](http://smgov.net/coast).

### Teach Your Kids to Ride

Located where Ocean Park Boulevard meets the beach, the city's Bike Campus is the perfect place to teach young ones to ride and practice safe biking skills, without worrying about cars. The Bike Campus has the same traffic markings encountered on streets to mimic real-world biking conditions. Bring your smart phone so you can watch instructional videos on using each station. More details and a link to the videos are at [smgov.net/bikecampus](http://smgov.net/bikecampus). Quarterly "Kidical Mass" bike rides for families with kids of all ages are also offered to provide safe family fun on vehicles that don't harm the future! Learn more on Facebook @SMKidicalMass.

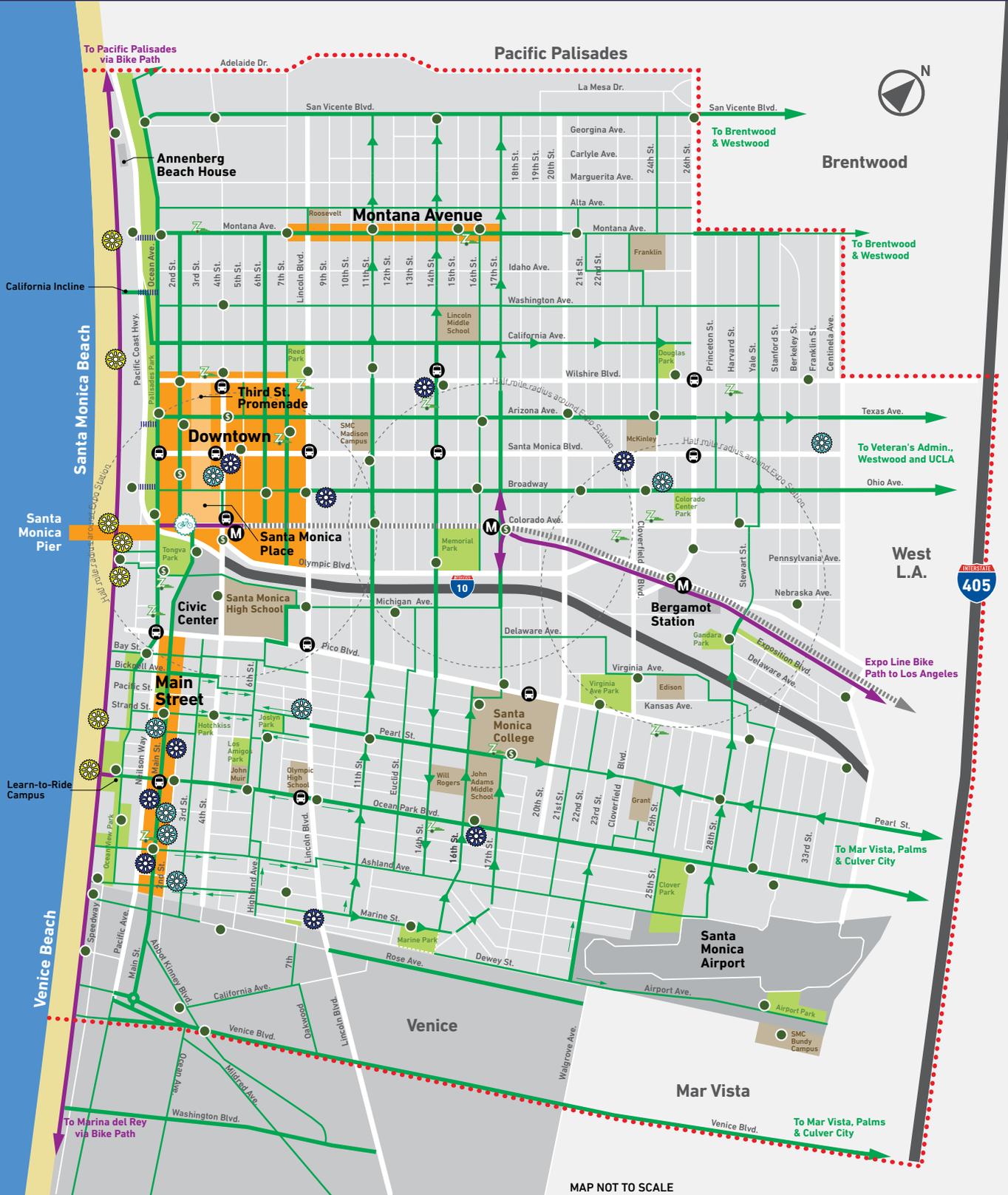
### Safer 17th Street

A project on 17th Street between Pico and Wilshire boulevards will make walking and biking easier and safer, with improved pedestrian crossings, better lighting and protected bike lanes. Also included are additional improvements on Michigan Avenue between 14th and 19th streets. Visit [smgov.net/17thStreet](http://smgov.net/17thStreet) for details.

### BREEZE BIKE SHARE

After 18 months of operations, Breeze Bike Share has more than 50,000 active subscribers who have ridden 852,000 miles—the equivalent of more than 34 trips around the globe! The city plans to improve service by adding bikes and connecting with systems in Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Long Beach and the UCLA Campus. Coming this summer, your Breeze membership will unlock bikes in all of these communities with no extra hassle. To join the thousands of Breeze riders, visit [breezebikeshare.com](http://breezebikeshare.com).





MAP NOT TO SCALE

- Bike Path
- Bike Lane
- Bike Lane in Direction of Arrows (Sharrows in Opposite Direction)
- Bike Route (with Sharrows)
- Steep Grade (Arrow Points Uphill)
- Pedestrian Overpass (Walk Bikes)
- Breeze Bike Share Hub (\$ includes payment kiosk)
- Breeze Bike Share System Area Boundary
- Major Bus Stops
- Expo Light Rail and Stations (Bike parking available)
- Bike Shop (Repairs)
- Bike Shop (Repairs and Rentals)
- Bike Rentals Only
- Santa Monica Bike Center (Repairs and Rentals)
- Shopping Districts
- Public Schools
- Car Share

- OBEY SIGNS
- YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS
- SIGNAL TURNS
- RIDE WITH TRAFFIC
- WATCH CAR DOORS
- WEAR A HELMET
- SIDEWALK RIDING IS ILLEGAL IN SANTA MONICA
- RIDE SOBER
- CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS AT RIGHT ANGLES
- AT NIGHT USE FRONT AND BACK LIGHTS



For more information visit:  
[www.bikesantamonica.org](http://www.bikesantamonica.org)

# BIKE MONTH

## Tips and Tricks

### SAFETY FIRST

Drivers should always be on the look-out for cyclists. Expect to see them riding to the right in a bike lane or sharing the lane in front of you. And please don't honk—it's scary, disorienting and adds to everyone's stress.

### WATCH FOR BIKE BOXES

These are traffic markings that allow cyclists to position themselves for maximum visibility at intersections during the red-light phase. They are intended to prevent collisions between right-turning motorists and bicyclists going straight, and to make it easier for cyclists to turn left.



Illustration courtesy of City of Madison, WI

- Drivers: when the signal is yellow or red, stop at the white line behind the green bike box. Keep the bike box clear for cyclists to use.
- Cyclists: When the signal is yellow or red, carefully enter the bike box from the bike lane. Keep the crosswalk clear for pedestrians.

### Get the Green Light

Many of our traffic signals have been upgraded to detect both cars and bicycles and we are working our way toward completing the network. Upgraded intersections have this symbol on the ground. At a red light, place your bicycle on it to trigger a green light. The city will modernize 20 new locations along bikeways later this year with grant funds courtesy of Metro.

Photo by Santa Monica Spoke at [SMSpoke.org](http://SMSpoke.org)

### Tell Us Where You Want More Bike Racks

Santa Monica has tripled the number of bike parking spaces since the Bike Action Plan was adopted in 2011. Over the course of 2017, we will use grant funds to install additional racks to fulfill requests we've received—and then some. If you know of a location that could use a rack, please email [transportation.planning@smgov.net](mailto:transportation.planning@smgov.net) or use #BikeSM when you tweet.

### Bike Center

The Santa Monica Bike Center offers bike rentals and tours, repairs, new and used bikes for sale, 24/7 bike parking, bike loaner options, and two hours of free bike valet during staffed hours. The Bike Center also provides bike maintenance and riding skills classes, and social rides for seniors. For more information, visit [smbikecenter.com](http://smbikecenter.com), call 310.656.8500 or stop by in person at 1555 2nd Street.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING, SANTA MONICA?



GET READY  
FOR A GREAT TIME AT  
*The Beach House*

**T**he Annenberg Community Beach House is geared up for spring and summer—starting with opening the pool on Memorial Day Weekend and winding down on Labor Day. In between, there’s a whole lot going on! We just can’t fit it all in *Seascope*, so be sure to visit us on the web at [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com) or call 310.458.4904 to find out more.

**MAY 27-29 AND JUNE 3-4, 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

The pool is open! Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. each day. Reservations for the pool, parking and canopies will be available online at [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com).

**JUNE 10 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 8:30 A.M. TO 8:30 P.M.**

Ready for some fun in the sun, or want to just relax and enjoy sunset? We’ve got you covered morning to night!

**New at the Beach House!**

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING JUNE 13, 7:15-8:15 P.M.**

**BOGAFIT FiTMAT** fitness classes build strength, deepen flexibility and improve balance and coordination. The FiTMAT floating platform provides a fun, dynamic way to exercise. BOGAFIT enhances the benefits of traditional fitness training by creating high-intensity, low-impact workouts.

\$15 per class; each is limited to 10 participants. For more information and to register, visit the ACBH website. (Try a free preview class on June 6 or 8, 7:15-8:15 pm.)

**EVERY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 - AUGUST 30, 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

**DROP-IN ULTIMATE FRISBEE** gives players of all levels a chance to play and practice while enjoying the sun and sand. No previous Ultimate experience needed. Come out and play with your friends, neighbors and our friendly beach recreation staff. \$1/Youth, \$3/Adult (18+)

**MONDAYS, 12:00-4:00 P.M.**

**HALF-PRICE MONDAYS AT THE POOL!**

\$2/Youth (1-17)  
\$5/Adult  
\$2.50/Senior (60+)  
(Regular rates apply Memorial Day and Labor Day)

# ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE

## Returning to the Beach House!

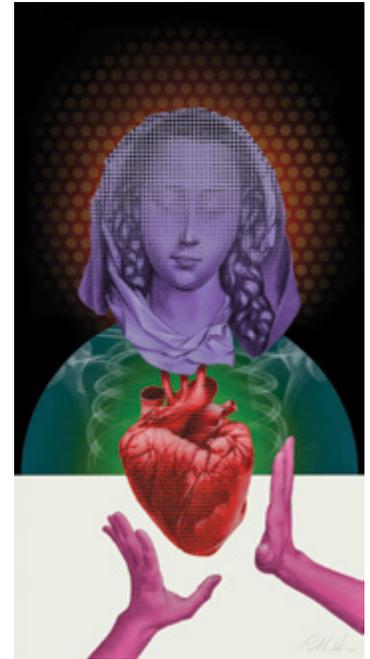
**THE POOL** will be open daily June 10 through September 4 (Labor Day), 10 a.m.–7 p.m. (Note: Pool closes at 6 p.m. on August 27 for the annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta.)

### AND THERE'S SO MUCH MORE ...

- Monday Fun Day .....
- Sunset Swim
- Game Room (opens at 9 a.m.)
- Slackline (9 a.m. to 12 noon)
- Synchronized swimming with the Aqualillies
- Guest House tours with Santa Monica Conservancy docents
- Volleyball for adults and youth
- Stand-up paddleboard classes
- Semi-private swim lessons for youth



## On View in the Gallery



Robert Nelson, *Idol 2*  
graphite, white pencil and acrylic on wood panel

### BEACH = CULTURE

Join us for these free artist talks, music and more:

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1:30-3 P.M.** - *Personal Narrative* Exhibition and Artist Talk

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 6:30-8 P.M.** - "Fashion in Film" with historian Kimberly Truhler

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 6:30-8 P.M.** - "Reading with Harryette Mullen," co-presented with the Poetry Society of America

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 6:30-8 P.M.** -

Bluegrass with Jayme Stone's *Folklife*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 6:30-7:30 P.M.** - Red Hen Press Reading

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 7-9 P.M.** - Opening Reception for *Art Division // Identity in Los Angeles* Exhibit



**Personal Narrative (THROUGH JUNE 7)** is an exploration of materials that promote a sensory experience and narrative, featuring contemporary artists whose works are experimental, provisional, gestural and instinctive. Participating artists have diverse backgrounds and share perspectives informed by the immigrant diaspora and gender identity.

**Art Division // Identity in Los Angeles (LATE JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 6)** will showcase artworks created by the students of Art Division, led by founder Dan McCleary and instructors Luis Serrano and Fabian Cerejido, PhD. Reflecting on the topic of identity, students explored an array of media including sculpture, photography, video, painting and drawing.



Javier Carrillo, *La Churrera (detail)*, oil on panel, 2013

The Annenberg Community Beach House at Santa Monica State Beach is operated by the City of Santa Monica. The Beach House is made possible by a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation, at the direction of Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with the City of Santa Monica and California State Parks. Additional funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

*Our facilities are wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant. For disability-related accommodations, please call Guest Services at 310.458.4904.*

# HEAL THE BAY, PIER AQUARIUM CO-HOST NICK GABALDÓN DAY

June 3

**S**anta Monica's Heal the Bay and its community partners hold Nick Gabaldón Day early each June to commemorate the Samoan graduate and Santa Monica College student, remembered as the first surfer of African-American and Mexican descent to ride the waves in the 1940s at Ink Well Beach, then a segregated stretch of Santa Monica State Beach. Legendary for breaking racial barriers and his paddling ability, his life was cut short on June 5, 1951, attempting to ride a wave through Malibu Pier's pilings.

The day's activities include a memorial paddle-out, beach activities, free surf lessons and free admission to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. The celebration begins Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Bay Street and Ocean Front Walk. The Black Surfers Collective, Surf Bus Foundation, California Historical Society, and the YMCAs of Weingart East Los Angeles and Watts are among the co-sponsors of this event with Heal the Bay.

From 12:30 to 6 p.m., the Aquarium (located below the historic Pier carousel) will offer free admission, honoring Gabaldón's legacy and promoting stewardship of the Santa Monica Bay coastline. Learn more about Heal the Bay and the Aquarium—including more summer programs and activities—at [healthebay.org/aquarium](http://healthebay.org/aquarium).



## ART@TONGVA



Photo by Ana Gilbert

May 13

Tongva arts programming fills the park with amazing and magical sights, sounds and activities for kids and their families. Great Explorations is Santa Monica's first all-day event with simultaneous music, dance, visual art, theatre and participatory physical and mental experiences that will stimulate the imaginations of kids ages 5 to 95.

June 7 and 8

A special dance performance made especially for the park will erupt at dusk and continue into the evening.

Mark your calendar now—and watch for more details in May at [smgov.net/tongvapark/events](http://smgov.net/tongvapark/events) or on Facebook [@Santa.Monica.Cultural.Affairs](https://www.facebook.com/Santa.Monica.Cultural.Affairs).

# MILES MEMORIAL PLAYHOUSE

## Weekends through May 20

Santa Monica Rep presents "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue, in which a pathologically shy Englishman inadvertently roots out radical racists at a quaint Georgia lodge. On stage now through May 20, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 4 p.m. For tickets and details, please visit [santamonicarep.org](http://santamonicarep.org).

## May 25 – June 18

ZOO Theater Company presents "Letters To Eve," a classic story of love, friendship, family and honor. This epic WW II musical follows a Japanese-American family through their forced incarceration and a black jazz musician captured during Germany's occupation of France, through the power of music and literature. For tickets and details, please visit [letterstoeve.com](http://letterstoeve.com).

# HAPPENING ON THE SANTA MONICA PIER

## Saturdays through May 20

"Wake Up With The Waves" children's concerts, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

## June 10, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier Paddleboard Race and Ocean Festival, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Announcing! 2017 Twilight Concert Series

The SoCal favorite returns to the Pier stage on Thursday, June 22, with concerts every Thursday through August 17 (EXCEPT JULY 6).

**Admission is free for all these events—**  
find more details at [smpier.org](http://smpier.org).

# MAKE MUSIC LA

## June 21

The summer solstice is the perfect occasion for hosting a variety of performances in parks across the city. This marks Santa Monica's sixth year of participation in the countywide celebration called Make Music Los Angeles (MMLA). The event is based on France's Fete de la Musique, a national musical holiday inaugurated in 1982.

In addition to organized events and concerts, MMLA encourages impromptu musical performances. The City of Santa Monica supports this type of participation and encourages musicians to review its ordinance on street performances, which specifies what is allowed in parks, on sidewalks and at the beach. To find out about performances around our community, to sign up as a performer, and to review our Street Performance Ordinance, visit [makemusica.org](http://makemusica.org).



Photo by Chris Ramirez

# SUSTAINABLE SANTA MONICA

## ZERO WASTE SANTA MONICA

### Local Apartment Complexes Join Food Scraps Recycling Pilot Project



*(Table food scraps to kitchen pail → kitchen pail scraps to green cart → green cart to compost)*

**T**he City of Santa Monica has partnered with the local non-profit Global Green to conduct an organics recycling pilot project for several multi-family properties in Santa Monica. Collection of organics (food, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings) from single-family homes has been in operation since 2010.

The project’s primary aim is to create a model for organics collection in multi-family buildings which can be shared with other properties, property management companies, and at state and national levels. By studying the efforts of participating complexes and tenants, project organizers will be able to identify the most effective strategies for reducing food disposal at the landfill.

Global Green staff met with building residents to explain the program and provide free educational materials and kitchen compost pails. Resident volunteers—“eco-

ambassadors”—were also recruited from each complex to help with outreach efforts and ensure the program’s continuation after the pilot concludes.

Waste audits are conducted prior to the pilot launch at each complex and again at the pilot’s conclusion to determine its impact on the quantity of organics and recyclables being thrown into the trash. Pre-pilot audits—accomplished with the help of brave dumpster divers!—reveal that organics make up the largest category of disposed materials (42%). Food waste is 22% of that total.

To date, nine multi-family properties are actively involved in food waste reduction and composting programs in the city. Three have received pre-pilot waste audits and green organics carts; outreach activities have been conducted at two more. Global Green will follow up with post-pilot waste audits and surveys in the coming months.

### FREE SPRING EVENTS SPONSORED BY RESOURCE RECOVERY & RECYCLING

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9:30 TO 11:00 A.M. Compost Workshop**

Come to the Patio Room at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue, to learn about backyard composting, worm composting, water-wise gardening and grasscycling.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. Used Oil Filter Exchange**

Exchange a used oil filter for a new one—free—at O’Reilly Auto Parts, 2018 Lincoln Boulevard. Limit one new filter per customer.

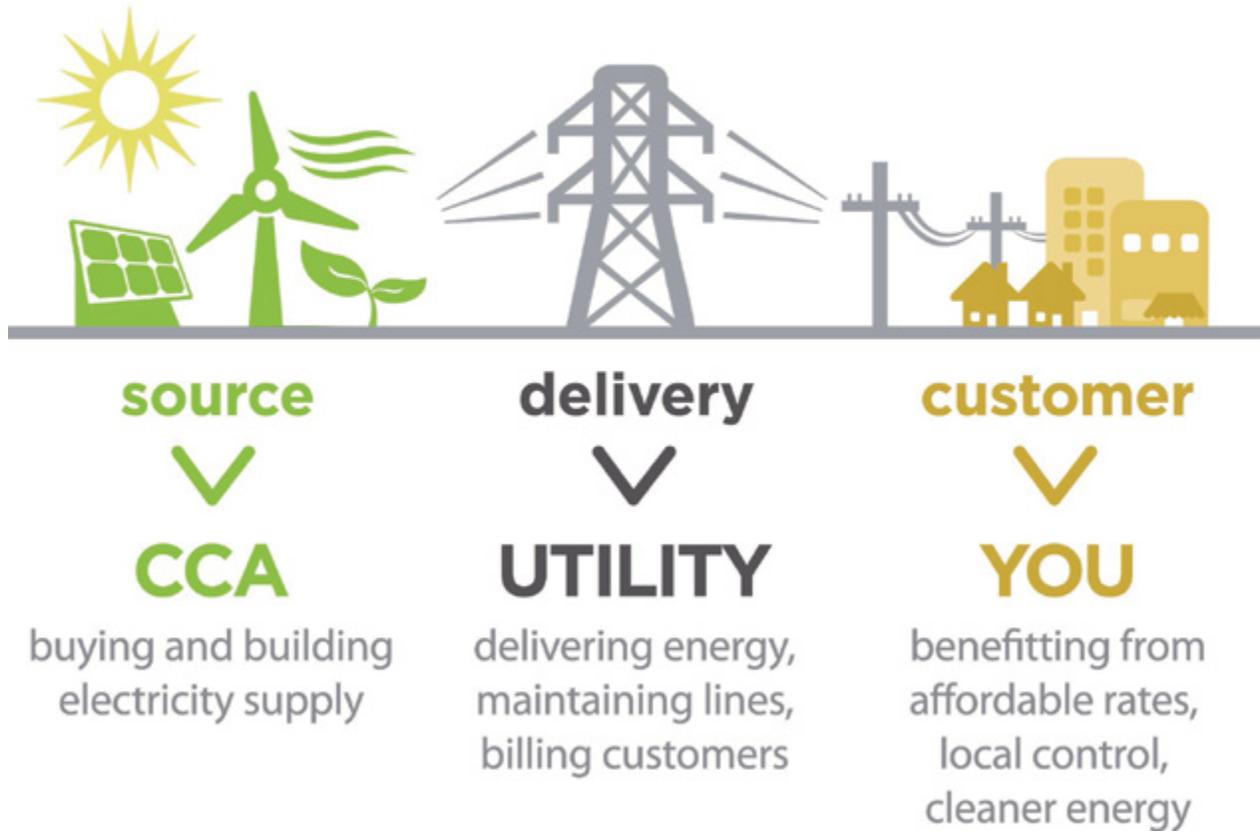
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 7 A.M. TO 2 P.M. OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST Compost Giveaway**

Residents may fill up to five large burlap sacks (provided) with compost at the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue.

For more info, please visit [smgov.net/r3events](http://smgov.net/r3events).

# 100% GREEN POWER WITHIN REACH FOR SANTA MONICA

## How Local Energy Aggregation Works



**S**ustainability is a key value for this city and its residents, and reducing carbon emissions is an essential component of Santa Monica’s efforts to ensure the community’s long-term viability. The City Council has approved ambitious greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, aimed at achieving complete carbon neutrality by 2050 or sooner. To reach this goal, our electricity must come from renewable sources, and an energy program called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) may be the ideal platform to deliver those goods.

Santa Monica’s current energy provider, Southern California Edison (SCE), sells electrical power that is primarily obtained from fossil fuels, coal and nuclear sources. Renewables (e.g., wind, water, solar) make up just 28% of its energy mix. SCE does offer options for a larger percentage of renewable energy, but at greater cost to customers.

CCA, on the other hand, would provide residential, commercial and institutional energy customers in Santa Monica with the ability to purchase up to 100% renewable electricity at competitive rates, helping

the city to achieve its GHG reduction targets. SCE would continue to provide transmission, distribution and maintenance services, as well as customer billing services. The goal of CCA is to offer the public more choices about where their energy comes from.

There are a number of ways Santa Monica could implement or be a part of a CCA. They include joining Los Angeles Community Choice Energy or South Bay Clean Power, or independently developing a citywide CCA through Lancaster Choice Energy or a private, third-party provider. The Santa Monica City Council recently approved the city’s participation in negotiations with both L.A. County and South Bay Clean Power for a CCA joint powers authority agreement.

Regardless of the path the city chooses, CCA would have a significant impact in Santa Monica. With lower renewable energy rates, GHG reduction, local and sustainable jobs, and local control over energy sources, Santa Monica’s place as a leader in sustainability is assured.

To stay informed about our progress, please watch [beta.smgov.net/blog](http://beta.smgov.net/blog) for updates.

# ETERNAL MEADOW OPENS AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY



Santa Monica’s historic Woodlawn Cemetery, Mortuary & Mausoleum hosted an opening ceremony of Eternal Meadow, its new “green” burial section, on April 1. This natural burial choice minimizes environmental damage because no toxic chemicals, metals or cement vaults are used. Instead, one is buried in a simple wooden casket or organic shroud, hastening the return of the body to the earth while simultaneously providing nourishment to the plant life around it. Eternal Meadow, Southern California’s second green burial site, was specifically designed with beautiful California-native wild flowers, plants and grasses.

Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and other city officials joined Woodlawn staff and members of the public for a ribbon cutting. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a Living History Tour with costumed guides portraying notable women and men interred at Woodlawn and sharing their stories.

For more information about our green burial services, please visit [woodlawns.com](http://woodlawns.com) or call 310.458.8717.



LEARN + THRIVE

COOKING WITH SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKETS

Healthier Mixed Berry-Thyme Scones

This recipe is courtesy of Emma D'Alessandro, a farmers market enthusiast and avid volunteer, educator and food blogger; find more from and about her at cravingnature.com.

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 c. sprouted whole-wheat flour
1-1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. cold butter, cut into cubes
1/2 c. plain Greek yogurt
2 tbsp. milk (non-dairy milk works well here)

- 3 tbsp. honey (maple syrup works well here)
1 cup mixed berries (blueberries, blackberries and raspberries)
1 tbsp. thyme, stems removed and finely chopped
Zest of one lemon

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with silicone pad or parchment paper and set aside.
Combine flour, baking soda, and salt together in a medium bowl.
Cut in butter with a fork and knife or pastry cutter until mixture becomes crumbly.
Add in yogurt, milk and honey and mix until ingredients are just combined.
Gently fold in thyme, lemon zest and mixed berries with a soft-tip spatula.
Place dough on prepared baking sheet and form into a circle about 1/2" thick. Cut with a sharp knife into eight wedges and bake 12-15 minutes or until tops are golden.
Remove from oven and allow to cool 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack.



See You at the Farmers Markets!

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

Saturdays
Arizona Ave @ 3rd St
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Sundays
2640 Main St
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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# FOOD BOWL FESTIVAL COMES TO SANTA MONICA



In May, the *Los Angeles Times* launches its first annual Food Bowl, a month-long festival to celebrate the city's dynamic and influential food scene. Centered in L.A., the festival will bring together the best in local dining experiences while promoting social awareness about food waste and hunger.

L.A.'s largest culinary event to date, Food Bowl will include special programs with internationally renowned chefs making rare U.S. appearances, including Massimo Bottura, founder of Food for Soul and chef-owner of Osteria Francescana in Modena, Italy; Fergus Henderson, chef and founder of St. John in London; Rosio Sánchez, chef-owner of Hija de Sánchez in Copenhagen; and Magnus Nilsson, chef at Fäviken in Sweden—with more to be announced.

Joining in the celebration, the Santa Monica Farmers Markets will host a series of chef demos featuring recipes of market produce deliciously prepared and presented

in a bowl. And in recognition of the start of California's cherry season, all bowls will be prepared with a cherry on top! These demonstrations—free and open to the public—will take place every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the market days shown in the blue box below.

## FREE PRESERVING CLASSES ON MAY 20 AND JUNE 24!

Hosted by the Santa Monica Farmers Market and taught by the Slow Food Preservers of Los Angeles, classes are offered every fourth Saturday of the month in the Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Avenue Park, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn hands-on techniques for preserving fresh produce to enjoy all year. Classes are free, but registration is required at [smfms.eventbrite.com](http://smfms.eventbrite.com).

## WHAT'S IN YOUR BOWL?

**On May 3** the **Wednesday Farmers Market** at Second Street and Arizona Avenue will feature GRAIN BOWLS. Join Chef John Pitblado of The Gourmandise School in Santa Monica for a lesson on cooking whole grains and creating breakfast grain bowls, grain salads and condiments using heritage grains grown in California. (The California Grain Campaign and the Tehachapi Grain Project are helping farmers to plant, harvest, store and process traditional grains such as wheat, rye, buckwheat and spelt.)

**On May 20** the **Saturday Downtown Market** at Third Street and Arizona Avenue will feature POKE BOWLS. Join The Gourmandise School's Chef Gill Boyd and Cape Provisions, a local dock-to-dish seafood company sourcing sustainable California coastal fish, who will demonstrate methods of creating traditional Poke bowls with fish from small boat fishermen.

**On May 21**, the **Sunday Main Street Market** will feature SOUP BOWLS. Think of a cool gazpacho made with the season's first apricots, mixed into a refreshing taste of summer. Chef Kim Vu of Vucacious Catering will walk you through methods of preparing delicious concoctions in a bowl that redefine the concept of "soup."

**On May 27**, the **Saturday Virginia Avenue Park Market** will feature FRUIT BOWLS. Farmers have a lot to celebrate this year with the historic rains that have reminded us of nature's beneficence. Late May is when California's stone fruit gets into full swing. Join Clemence Gossett of The Gourmandise School as she shows you how to cut, macerate and season tree-ripened fruit into salads and bowls. Veggies included!

# CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB

**S**top by and say hello to our new Studio Resident, weaver Tracy Bromwich, who will be working at the Camera through July 29, 2017. Residents share their progress with the public through weekly workshops and a culminating show. Visit [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera) for more information.

## A Sample of May Classes

Be sure to visit us on Facebook [@1450Ocean/events](https://www.facebook.com/1450Ocean/events) for an updated schedule.

**May 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**SAMBA REGGAE DANCE WITH SLLEYK DA BAHIA**

**May 6, 1-4 p.m.**

**LEATHER MASK MAKING WITH PATRICIA MITCHELL**



**May 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**MONTHLY "SECOND SATURDAY" CRAFT LOUNGE**

**May 14 & 21, 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**SPRING HATS WITH LESLIE ROBINSON**

**May 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**ICE-DYED COTTON BANDANNA WITH TRACY BROMWICH**

## The Camera Obscura Art Lab at 1450 Ocean

offers arts, crafts and culture classes for all adults, year-round. Join weekly printmaking, watercolor and millinery labs, workshops with a changing roster of artists-in-residence, and monthly workshops on topics as diverse as urban homesteading, sustainable reuse, fine art and jewelry. Find your community of artists and makers!

Park at Structure 6 around the corner ([smgov.net/parking](http://smgov.net/parking)) or walk four blocks from the 4th Street Metro/Expo station. The Breeze Bike Share lock-up is just south of us in Palisades Park.

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 on Facebook [@1450Ocean/events](https://www.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).

# SEASCAPES PAST: FIRST CLASS OF THE CANYON SCHOOL

When the Canyon School began in 1894, it was a one-room schoolhouse on the 300 block of today's Sycamore Road. Santa Monica was a small town with a population of a few thousand and, for the residents of the rural canyon, the school was a place not just for learning but also for community gatherings. It was used for church services as well as music and dance performances.

The land on which the school was built was part of the 6,656-acre Mexican land grant known as Rancho Boca de Santa Monica. The Marquez family, heirs to this enormous grant, donated several acres to the school. According to the school's website, the original building was a wooden, neo-classical structure with a pitched roof and a front porch supported by four wood columns. Over the next few decades, the original structure would twice be moved to accommodate real estate development in the area.

In 1966, the schoolhouse was renovated and given a new life as the school library. It was also recognized by the City of Los Angeles as a historic landmark. The community mounted a new bell in the school's belfry in 1969; and in 1994, during the school's centennial festivities, many

alumni rang the bell as they gathered to celebrate their elementary school.

This 1894 portrait of the first class was taken in front of the schoolhouse on Sycamore. Teacher Mina Norton (*seventh from the left in the back row*) posed with her students, including several of the Marquez children. The details make the photograph: the boys' jackets and hats, the girls' dresses, and the expressions on their faces—a fascinating look back at a bygone era.



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# TOURISM IN SANTA MONICA: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MYTHS



Did you know that Santa Monica's tourism industry infused \$1.84 billion into our local economy in 2015? In spite of the high visibility of tourism within the community, it can be easy to overlook how visitors and their spending actually impact our city, and what that means for Santa Monica residents.

Each year, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism (SMTT) collaborates with independent research firm Lauren Schlau Consulting to gauge the economic impact of tourism to the local economy. In coming editions of *Seascope*, SMTT will use this data to touch on commonly held perceptions and misconceptions surrounding tourism in our community to break down what it actually means for those who live here.

## **Tourism Myth #1:** **Tourism only benefits large hotels**

While it is widely accepted that tourism is a key component to Santa Monica's sustainable economy, it is less commonly credited as an element that enables the city to maintain a world-class and diverse selection of shopping, dining and entertainment options. Long-time Santa Monica restaurateur Raphael Lunetta acknowledged tourism's role not only in the diversity of his customers, but also in his creation of additional dining options enjoyed by locals. Best known as the owner and executive chef of Santa Monica's beloved

JiRaffe and for the recently opened Lunetta and Lunetta All Day, he noted, "Potential Santa Monica restaurateurs, myself included, are emboldened by the additional stream of consumers generated by tourism to create bolder, more dynamic concepts that might not take off in other locations. Santa Monica locals, in turn, have access to a wider array of world-class culinary options."

Beyond the lifestyle benefits of tourism, it also remains a powerful economic engine for Santa Monica, contributing \$58 million directly to the city government's general fund through spending on hotels and taxable retail sales in 2015. Once collected by the city, these tourism-generated dollars help pay for essential city services such as our police and fire departments, school and library systems and the maintenance of our parks and beaches. In fact, if not for these tourism-generated funds, each Santa Monica residence would need to contribute an estimated \$1,220 in additional taxes to maintain city services at their current level.

Santa Monica Travel & Tourism's 2016 Tourism Economic and Fiscal Impact Report will be unveiled at the organization's eighth annual Travel & Tourism Summit at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Friday, May 12. Please visit [santamonikatourism.com](http://santamonikatourism.com) for more information about our tourism economy and to RSVP for the summit.

# LIBRARY LINES

## SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

“ Build a Better World” this summer by joining the Santa Monica Public Library’s summer reading program! From infants to teens, everyone can discover exciting stories and expand their minds while earning prizes for the amount of time spent reading or being read to. Enhancing our program are activities offered at all library locations, including story times, science shows, magicians and much more. This year, children and teens are invited to join 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), or the Teen Club (grades 6 to 12). Sign-ups begin on Saturday, June 10 at all Santa Monica Public Library locations. The program runs through August 19.

Adults can join in the fun, too! Our summer reading program for adults 18 and older also features the world-building theme, and shares the same dates as summer reading for the younger crowd. Join us for a variety of programs throughout the summer. As in past years, the Main Library (601 Santa Monica Boulevard) will feature the popular “Blind Date With a Book” lobby display. We’re challenging our patrons to read to win a completion prize and, when they turn in their participation card, they’ll be entered into a grand prize drawing. Don’t miss out!



For more information about these and other library programs, visit us online at [smpl.org](http://smpl.org) or call 310.458.8600.



**SMPL’s Summer Reading Programs Take Off!**



## Santa Monica Public Library Info

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

**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

### 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

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 9 and 23**

**May 24 (special meeting)**

**June 13 and 27**

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 Street, 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)

All communications regarding City Council agenda items will now be available for public viewing online at [smgov.net/council/agendas](http://smgov.net/council/agendas).



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