

HEALTHY BODY,
MIND AND SOUL

WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO
THE CIVIC?

PREPARING
FOR FUTURE
DISASTERS

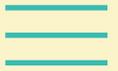
2018

HEALTHY LIFE

Happy Life



TABLE OF CONTENTS



YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTHY LIVING IN SANTA MONICA

3 IN 1 = YOGA

HERE'S TO A HEALTHY 2018

SEASCAPE IS NOW MORE TIMELY!

BREEZE TO FREE FITNESS IN 2018

HEALTHY KIDS

HEALTHY SENIORS

HEALTHY WORKERS

TEXT-TO-9-1-1

PARTNERSHIP WITH FITBIT PROMOTES COMMUNITY WELLBEING

GOT CALFRESH?

COOKING WITH SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKETS

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA INSTAGRAM SCAVENGER HUNT

YOUTH TECH

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

THE RETURN OF ROAM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARION!

BEACH HOUSE WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE LUIS ALFARO

BEACH WALK AND SKETCH WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY

WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO DO WITH THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM?

UNDERWATER PARKS IS COMING TO THE AQUARIUM

JANUARY 2018 EVENTS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

PREPARING FOR FUTURE DISASTERS

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY INFO

YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTHY LIVING IN SANTA MONICA



Photo credits: Kristina Sado

It's a new year! If you're like most Americans, getting fit and healthy is probably one of your top resolutions. Here's some inspiration to get you started.

According to the City's 2017 Wellbeing Index, only a third of Santa Monicans get 20 minutes or more of exercise per day, while only 20 percent eat the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables a day. One-third of Santa Monicans are reportedly stressed all or most of the time.

In an effort to help you change that, here's your guide to becoming healthier in mind, body and soul, right here in Santa Monica.

Move Your Body: Physical Health



Get a Workout at Clover Park (2600 Ocean Park Blvd.)

Enjoy a 15-station fitness Miracle Recreation Equipment course, with a rope climb, balance beam, vault bar and horizontal ladder, along with push-up, dip, chin-up and stretching stations.

Take a Stroll at Tongva Park (1615 Ocean Ave.)

Go for a peaceful walk at Tongva Park. The 6.2-acre park is the perfect place to go for a nice stroll while enjoying scenic views of the Pacific Ocean and of the Santa Monica Pier. The park includes an amphitheater, playground, garden and fountains.

Learn to Eat Healthy at Santa Monica Public Library (Pico Branch)

Improve your general wellbeing with a workshop based on balance, nutrition and lifestyle, to prevent the development or progression of chronic diseases.

January 29, 6:00 p.m. at Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Get Your Fruits and Veggies at the Farmers Market

Time to stock up on green goodies! Walk or bike to your local farmers market for fresh organic produce. See The Farmers Market schedule and locations [here](#).



Photo credit: William Short

Listen To Your Heart: Emotional Health



Building strong relationships and spending quality face-to-face time with others is crucial for your emotional health. Whether it's your family, friend, neighbor or community member, it's important to connect with people face-to-face.

Volunteer with a Local Nonprofit

Experience the true meaning of community by serving our most vulnerable residents. Visit volunteermatch.org for local opportunities at nonprofits offering volunteer opportunities and essential services to those in need.

Enter the Happiness Room

The library's pop-up Happiness Room is dedicated to all kinds of resources, visuals and interactive features, including virtual reality on happiness, joy, positivity and gratitude.

January 25, 6:00 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library (1704 Montana Ave.)

Clear Your Mind: Mental Health



Mental health and physical health go hand-in-hand. Studies show that stress, anxiety and depression can lead to chronic health problems. On the other hand, physical activity can lower stress levels and symptoms of anxiety and depression. Here are some ways Santa Monica can help improve your mental health:

Get Some Vitamin D

Vitamin D deficiency can lead to Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Despite the winter weather, it's important to go outside and get some sun. With 27 parks and beaches nearby, Santa Monica makes it easy!

Appreciate Local Art

Art has been scientifically proven to reduce stress and anxiety. Take a stroll down Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica for a Walking Mural Tour. Pico Boulevard features art created by local artists and the community. Visit buylocalsantamonica.com/mural.

Meditation for New Beginnings

Begin the New Year with meditation! Meditator Doug Frankel demonstrates effective techniques to reduce stress, enhance relaxation and improve your overall health.

January 18, 6:30 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library (1704 Montana Ave.)

New Hobbies for a New Year

Finding a new hobby or learning a new skill can do wonders for you. It can relieve stress and distract you from your day-to-day worries. Wondering where to start? Head to Santa Monica College and register for Winter 2018 classes and check out what's available at the Camera Obscura Art Lab at 1450 Ocean!

Santa Monica College Open House February 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Bundy Campus, Room 123. Camera Obscura Art Lab. Free and low-cost classes weekly. smgov.net/camera

3 in 1 = Yoga

GET 3 BENEFITS WITH 1 EXERCISE!

A yoga class can benefit your physical, mental and emotional health, all in one session! You don't have to look far to sign up. The Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica offers weekly yoga classes. Come get a workout, clear your mind and mingle with fellow yogis! Namaste.

Sign up for a class today at annenbergbeachhouse.com.



HERE'S TO A HEALTHY 2018

As we prepare for the new year, I want to share how much I value serving this great city as your mayor. There is so much for which we can be grateful as we live in a beautiful place with some of the most stunning beaches on the west coast. And the opportunity to be active and outside year-round is one of the things I love most about living here.

From 113 miles of bike paths to 27 parks with various amenities and world-class aquatic facilities, Santa Monica offers so many recreation opportunities for all ages. Our senior community can benefit from social programs through Wise and Healthy Aging while our youth can participate in hundreds of tailored programs from the City's Community Recreation division and CREST.

While physical health is important, we are also focused on our residents' emotional and mental health. The City's 2017 Wellbeing Index found Santa Monicans are fairly satisfied with life, but there are groups that experience significant stress and loneliness. From yoga classes to new cultural programming and other activities, we aim to help residents live more balanced lives.

In 2017 City Council adopted a biennial budget with a new framework that focuses all of the City's efforts around the themes of wellbeing and sustainability. With this new approach, we focus on the outcome areas of Community, Place and Planet, Learning, Health, Economic Opportunity and Governance.

In your hands now is a guide to healthy living in Santa Monica. Whether you are hoping to be more physically active this year or you'd like to find more opportunities to connect with neighbors, I hope this edition of *Seascope* is just the beginning of your exploration of all the great programs and services we offer as a city.

Every month in 2017, I gathered with local members of the community to bike around Santa Monica. We plan to continue the monthly Rides with the Mayor in 2018, and you can join me on Saturday, January 20th at 9:30 a.m. Follow me on Twitter [@SaMoMayor](#) or visit [smgov.net/mayors-ride](#) to get more details.

Salud!
Ted Winterer, City of Santa Monica Mayor



SEASCAPE IS NOW MORE TIMELY!

We're committed to providing you with the most up-to-date news and services from the City of Santa Monica. Starting in 2018, there will be eight monthly issues and two combined bi-monthly issues spotlighting themes such as community, homelessness, the planet and more. In this issue, we focus on how the City of Santa Monica can help you reach your optimal health no matter your age. Have feedback? We'd love to hear from you! Send us an email at communications@smgov.net.

Want to get our email newsletter? Sign up for SaMoNews at [smgov.net/newsletter](#).

BREEZE TO FREE FITNESS IN 2018

This year, spice up your fitness regimen with a fun and low-cost way to get in shape: biking to the free outdoor gym equipment located in Santa Monica's parks!

Start at Santa Monica's 18-acre Clover Park (2600 Ocean Park Blvd), which boasts a 15-station fitness course. After a few reps and laps, grab your bike and head east on Ocean Park Boulevard to 28th Street. If you don't have your own bike, Breeze Bike Share is a great option. You can sign up for a Pay-As-You-Go membership at breezebikeshare.com or download the Social Bicycles app. There's a Breeze station located by the parking lot on Ocean Park Boulevard.

Turn left on 28th Street, which turns into Stewart Street. If you're using a Breeze bike, stop at Gandara Park (1819 Stewart Street). Formerly Stewart Street Park, the park was renamed after Private Joe Gandara, the late Pico Neighborhood resident who received the Medal of Honor for his service in World War II. There's a Breeze station in the park next to the restrooms.

Head across the street to Ishihara Park (2909 Exposition Boulevard). Opened in February 2017, the park honors the memory of George Ishihara, a local resident who also

served in World War II. Ishihara Park contains a variety of fitness equipment located along tranquil pathways. There are bike racks located throughout the park.

Once you're done, travel north one short block on Stewart Street to access the Exposition Bike Path. Head left on the path until the western terminus at 17th Street. Turn right on 17th Street and head up five blocks to California Avenue. Turn left on California Avenue and cruise on in to Reed Park (1133 7th Street). The Breeze station is located on Lincoln Boulevard just north of Wilshire Boulevard. There are also bike racks in the park, including by the basketball courts.

Reed Park was recently renovated and now includes fitness equipment in the northeastern corner of the park. There are also public restrooms and tennis courts, among other amenities.

The entire route from Clover Park to Reed Park is 3.5 miles with an elevation gain of 60 feet. Coupled with a few reps at each park, you'll work up a nice sweat and be a step closer to realizing your New Year's Resolution of getting in shape. When you lock your own bike, remember to use a secure U-lock to deter theft. Happy and healthy riding in 2018!



Healthy Kids

Focusing on the health of kids in Santa Monica today can help produce better outcomes later in life.

Head to Reed Park for classes that will get your little ones movin'!

- 5-Star Sports Basketball Superstars (ages 4-10) at Reed Park, January 9-March 13, 2018. Kids can learn fundamental basketball skills including movement on the court, dribbling, passing and shooting. Classes help develop hand-eye coordination, enhance self-confidence and improve concentration, as well as promoting teamwork and sportsmanship!
- 5-Star Dance: Jazz/Hip Hop Combo (ages 4-10) at Reed Park, January 11-March 15, 2018. Kids will have fun warming up, stretching, learning Jazz (walks, kicks, turns, leaps, etc.) and Hip Hop (jumping, clapping, turning and performing to the latest dance moves), while developing their performance techniques!

For more classes, go to smgov.net/classes.

Skate at The Cove Skatepark

Got skater kids or teens? Head to The Cove! The 20,000 sq. ft. skatepark at Memorial Park features ramps, bowls, stairs, pool with tile coping, an oververt bowl, and the Douglas Park rail! Everyone entering The Cove is required to wear protective gear and sign a registration form and waiver. Cove participants must be at least 6 years old. smgov.net/coveskatepark



Photo credit: William Short

Healthy Seniors

We love our seniors, and connecting them to available services and programs to enhance wellbeing in their everyday lives is our goal!

Aqua Aerobics at Santa Monica Swim Center

The Aqua Aerobics class is a low-impact exercise that can greatly enhance your health. Choose from shallow or deep water workouts that combine cardio and strength training. Each class is tailored to your ability level. All equipment is provided. santamonicaswimcenter.org

The Ken Edwards Center

Home to programs for seniors, the Ken Edwards Center offers daily lunches and opportunities for senior citizens to socialize with one another. 527 4th St, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Wise and Healthy Aging

Find information for transportation, meal services, support groups, referrals and more. wiseandhealthyaging.org

City of Santa Monica Community Recreation

Recreation and fitness classes for people of all ages and abilities. smgov.net/classes



Healthy Workers = Happy Workers

Work Hard, Be Well. More Paid Sick Leave in Santa Monica

Santa Monica workers will be eligible for more paid sick leave starting New Year’s Day, 2018. This marks the second and final increase to paid sick leave requirements in Santa Monica’s minimum wage law. Starting January 1, Santa Monica workers in smaller businesses (25 or fewer employees) will be able to earn 40 hours of paid sick leave, while workers in larger businesses can earn 72 hours.

The City has contracted with Los Angeles County’s Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) as its enforcement agency for the minimum wage law. To ask a question, report a problem or file a claim, any worker in Santa Monica may call 1-800-593-8222, email wagehelp@dcbalacounty.gov, or go in person to any LA County office.

For more information on the Santa Monica Minimum Wage: smgov.net/minimumwage.



NEW YEAR = healthier workers in Santa Monica

More paid sick leave for everyone starts January 1, 2018.

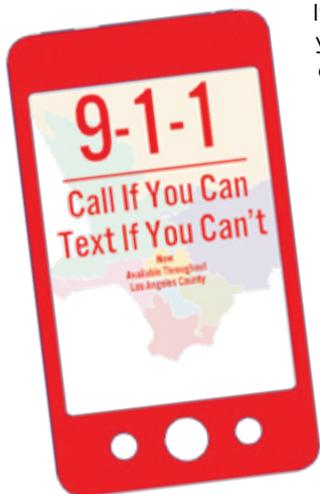


smgov.net/minimumwage

TEXT-TO-9-1-1

Los Angeles County, including the City of Santa Monica, has launched “Text-to-911” service starting December 1, 2017. “Text-to-9-1-1” refers to the ability to send text messages to local 9-1-1 call centers during an emergency.

If you are in an emergency where you are unable to call 9-1-1 or communicate verbally, you are now able to message police, fire and emergency medical dispatchers by sending the text directly to 911. Dispatchers will ask you questions about the emergency by replying to your text. This service can be very useful to those who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired, and those who need help when an emergency is in progress and cannot speak, or are fearful of speaking.



Text-to-9-1-1 Helpful Hints

- Remember: Call if you can. Text if you can't.
- To send a text to 9-1-1, enter the numbers 911 in the “To” field.
- Send the location of the emergency and the type of help needed (Police, Fire or Medical) in the first text message.
- Text in simple words. Do not use abbreviations.
- Follow the instructions of the dispatcher. Be prepared to answer dispatchers’ questions.
- A text or data plan is required to place a text to 9-1-1.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 9-1-1 at this time.
- Please do not test the system in a non-emergency. Keep the system open so it’s available for those in a true emergency.
- Never text and drive.

For more information, go to smalerts.net.



PARTNERSHIP WITH FITBIT PROMOTES COMMUNITY WELLBEING

The Office of Wellbeing recently kicked off an exciting pilot project. It's aimed at addressing findings from the Wellbeing Index that revealed that more than 60% of our residents aren't active for at least 20 minutes a day. Additionally, the Wellbeing Index revealed that residents in the 90404 zip code had the lowest rates of physical activity in the City. In light of that, the project team was able to work with Fitbit to donate 200 Fitbit Altas, which were then distributed to residents of 90404 at a community event, free of charge!

We knew from wellbeing research that community connectedness is a key factor in improving health, addressing loneliness and reducing stress, so we gave out the Fitbits at a fun event designed to give people a chance to get to know their neighbors. We saw new walking groups being formed, phone numbers being exchanged and a sense of community growing. The data from the Fitbits will be used in a six-month research project that will help us better understand the health and activity levels of our residents, as well as what gets people outside and moving.



Here's what we're hearing from residents RIGHT NOW about their experience with the Fitbit Pilot Project:

"I look at it as a way of tracking my physical activity, and possibly as a means of encouraging myself to engage in more exercise. My current exercise routine is sporadic, and I hope that if I'm monitoring it, I may be inclined to engage in more consistent activity."

-Charles Hulbert

"I am interested in knowing how fit I am and where to improve. I feel the data collected can help others in the community."

-Susan Sims Hillbrand

"In the time I have worn the Fitbit bracelet, I have walked more than ever. I am enjoying this change in me, as I now have the need to be on my feet."

-Tina Grammatico

"It may sound corny, but I was intrigued by the idea of taking part in a study that was part of the greater Santa Monica community. I find it cutting-edge to be in a city that is so committed to the wellbeing of its residents."

-Ari Hahyar

GOT CALFRESH?



A Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services Eligibility Worker is stationed weekly at Virginia Avenue Park to offer support and take new applications for CalFresh benefits every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments, call (310) 458-8688.

Who is it For?

CalFresh is for residents who find it difficult to afford nutritious food and meet federal income eligibility rules. CalFresh beneficiaries are eligible to participate in the City of Santa Monica Market Match program to receive \$10 in vouchers weekly or monthly (while supplies last) at the Virginia Avenue Park/Pico Farmers Market.

How to Apply:

Apply online at BenefitsCal.org or call the toll-free number 1-877-847-FOOD.

Already Getting CalFresh?

If you have questions or problems with your CalFresh benefits, contact your county social services agency.

The CalFresh Program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), issues monthly electronic benefits that can be used to buy most foods at many markets and food stores. The CalFresh Program helps improve the health and wellbeing of qualified households and individuals by providing them a way to meet their nutritional needs. For more information, go to cdss.ca.gov/food-nutrition/calfresh.

COOKING WITH SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKETS

Spiced Squash Porridge

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 acorn squash or 1 small butternut squash
- 1/2 c. light coconut milk or other non-dairy milk
- 2 tbsp. almond butter (or peanut butter for non-paleo)
- 2 tbsp. unsweetened apple butter
- 2 tbsp. ground flax seed
- 2 tbsp. hemp seed (optional)
- 1 tbsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. allspice (or mix of ginger, cloves and nutmeg)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

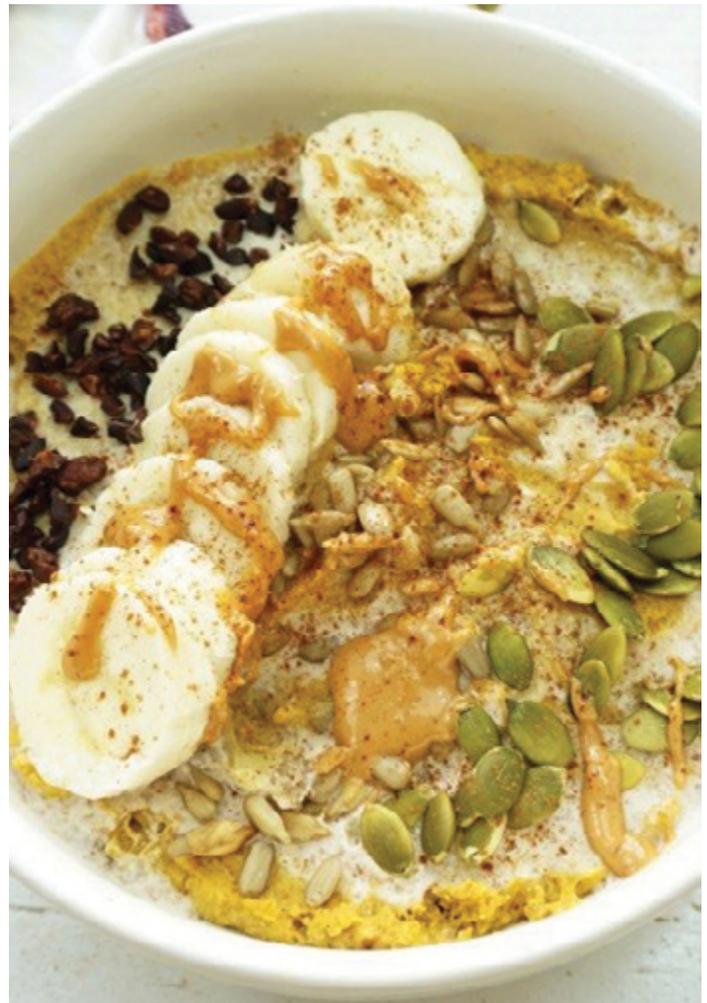
Toppings

- Pumpkin seeds
- 1/2 banana,
- Cacao nibs
- 1 tsp. nut butter
- Hemp seeds
- Walnuts
- 1 tbsp. non-dairy milk (pour over)

instructions

Preheat oven to 400° F. Cut acorn squash in half and scoop out the seeds. Place face down on baking sheet and roast for 35-40 minutes, until tender. Remove from oven and allow to cool enough to handle. Scoop out flesh and place in large pot or high-speed blender. Add the remaining ingredients minus the toppings and blend until smooth, or if you're using a pot, use an immersion blender to puree ingredients until smooth. Pour into a bowl and re-heat if needed. Add your favorite toppings and a splash of milk.

Note: You can make this a quick breakfast if you make the base the night before and store it in the fridge. Then in the morning, pour some into a bowl, heat and add your toppings.



See You at the Farmers Markets!

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

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

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

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



DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA INSTAGRAM SCAVENGER HUNT

A Great Way to Get Moving in 2018!



#DTSantaMonica SCAVENGER HUNT

With its cooling ocean breezes, eclectic mix of talented street performers, eye-catching businesses, wide sidewalks and abundant sunshine, Downtown Santa Monica is a pedestrian's paradise.

So why not spend the afternoon exploring this exciting beachside district on foot and possibly win a limited-edition t-shirt featuring the Third Street Promenade's famous dinosaur sculptures?

Pull out your smartphone and test your [#DTSantaMonica](#) knowledge with the Downtown Santa Monica Instagram Scavenger Hunt.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.

- 1) Follow [@DTSantaMonica](#) on Instagram
- 2) Take a photo of the answers to each clue and post to Instagram with the hashtag [#DTSantaMonica](#)
- 3) Tag [@DTSantaMonica](#) in each post
- 4) Show final answers to a Downtown Santa Monica ambassador and win a limited-edition dinosaur t-shirt (Ambassadors can be found at Parking Structure 4 Restroom, Tongva Park and Metro Expo Light Rail Santa Monica Downtown Station)

Here Are The Clues

- 1) Home to the famous Godmother
- 2) Some say the City of Santa Monica was named after her
- 3) The largest of the horned dinosaurs
- 4) Andy Grammer was one of them
- 5) Renting one of these is a breeze
- 6) He's ready for a day at the beach
- 7) Where you can purchase McVitie's and HP Sauce
- 8) It's the oldest building in Santa Monica
- 9) Where you can find the second largest fig tree in California
- 10) The place where Popeye's creator lived

**ANSWERS TO THE CLUES CAN BE FOUND AT
DOWNTOWNSM.COM/SCAVENGER-HUNT.**

One prize per contestant. A prize will only be given if the contestant finds the correct answer to each clue and follows the posting procedure. No repeat winners. Happy hunting!

YOUTH TECH



Santa Monica Youth Tech Program 2018 is around the corner! This competitive six-week summer program focuses on web development, graphic design, finance and business development. Participants learn to launch their own startups, while working alongside City officials, Silicon Beach startups and established tech firms such as Lionsgate Entertainment, Hulu, Finien, DTE Media and the UCLA Anderson School of Management. High school students who reside in the community or attend a high school in Santa Monica are eligible to apply. The Youth Tech Program 2018 online application will be available from January 1 to March 15, 2018 at smgov.net/youthtech.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

The City is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act with a series of events, including the launch of a PSA, a speaker event in January and the City Attorney’s annual Fair Housing Workshop in April.

The Fair Housing Act bars discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color and nationality. Subsequent amendments to that law and California law have added

the following protected classes: gender, disability (mental or physical), family status, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation and source of income.

For more information, go to smconsumer.org.





The Return of Roam

The Art Installation project in Downtown Santa Monica is back! Keep an eye out for the latest art installation as you roam Triangle Square and the Third Street Promenade, featuring artists Nataša Stearns, Jeanine Centuori and Russell Rock, Nate Frizzell, Brendan Monroe and Jen Stark.

For more information, go to downtownsm.com.

Happy Birthday, Marion!

Celebrate with Vintage Panache at the Annenberg Community Beach House.

January 14 at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

It's a party, and you're invited! On Sunday, January 14, join us for Happy Birthday Marion! at the Annenberg Community Beach House as we celebrate Marion Davies, the silent film star whose effervescent personality was likened to the "bubbles in a glass of champagne." From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., step back in time as Santa Monica Conservancy docents in vintage attire evoke Marion's Hollywood circle to shine a light on the classic film era actress, philanthropist, famed party hostess and mistress of media tycoon William Randolph Hearst. It will all take place at Davies' 1928 Julia Morgan-designed guest house. Be entertained by magician Tom Frank and cut a rug to music from the classic American song book by LA Love Band, featuring Danny Meyer. At 1:30 p.m., a toast to Marion caps the event. Your spiffiest Gold Coast-era attire is encouraged, and all ages are welcome.

For more information and to RSVP for this free event, visit happybirthdaymarion2018.eventbrite.com or call 310-458-4904. Space is limited. The Annenberg Community Beach House is at 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking is \$3 per hour or \$8 per day.

Beach House Writer-In-Residence Luis Alfaro

Join us in the new year as Beach House writer-in-residence Luis Alfaro begins work under the theme "Things We Share." During his tenure from January to March, he will be working on a new commission for Center Theatre Group that explores the homeless crisis in Los Angeles County. His monthly public events will continue this theme through conversations amongst artists, activists and civic leaders. Join him during his weekly office hours, or follow the AiR (Artist in Residence) blog at beachhouseair.blogspot.com to keep in touch.



Alfaro is a community-based writer known for his multi-faceted work in the American theater along with his poetry, short stories and journalism. A Chicano born and raised in the Pico-Union district of Downtown Los Angeles, he is the recipient of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship, popularly known as a "genius grant." This prestigious grant is awarded to those who have demonstrated expertise and exceptional creativity in their respective fields, and it's recently been named as part of the inaugural cohort of Ford Foundation Art of Change Fellows. For more information about Luis, his residency and public events related to his residency, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/cultural-programs.

Beach Walk and Sketch with The Audubon Society

Love the Beach? Have an Eye for Detail?

January 21, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Bring your sense of wonder and take to the sands to sketch nature's offerings on Santa Monica's beautiful stretch of beach. We'll provide binoculars, drawing boards, pencils and newsprint, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. Comfortable clothing and sun protection recommended. For more information and to RSVP for this free event, visit beachwalkandsketch2018.eventbrite.com or call 310-458-4904. The Annenberg Community Beach House is at 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking is \$3 per hour or \$8 per day.

WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO DO WITH THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM?

Since its debut in 1958 and throughout the 60s, 70s, 80s and early 90s, the Civic Auditorium (“The Civic”) played host to capacity crowds and big name acts as diverse as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Bob Dylan, James Brown, The Rolling Stones, The Beach Boys, The Supremes, The Doors, David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen, Buzzcocks, Sonic Youth and U2. In 2001, the mid-century modern “International Style” auditorium designed by Welton Becket—the celebrated architect of the Capital Records Tower, Cinerama Dome and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion—was designated a City landmark. By that time, however, the appeal of The Civic waned as its outdated performance technologies competed with newer state-of-the-art venues. On June 30, 2013, the City formally closed The Civic due to the need for significant seismic and accessibility improvements, and to stem an annual operating deficit of nearly \$2 million.

Prior to its closure, the City set out to finance the renovation of The Civic with \$52 million in redevelopment funds. Their aim was to achieve long-standing Civic Center Specific Plan goals (originally adopted in 2005), which envisions the expansion and improvement of The Civic to support musical and cultural performances, as well as exhibitions and community gatherings. The City also initiated negotiations with the Nederlander Organization to operate and book events at The Civic. These plans and the funding were eliminated when Governor Brown dissolved all redevelopment agencies in California in 2012.

Moving forward, with the completion of Tongva Park, the Civic Center Village and the Expo Line, the City continues to work on implementing the last remaining



components of the Civic Center Specific Plan. To that end, construction of the Early Childhood Lab School (ECLS) is set to begin in early 2018, and the designs for the multi-purpose field east of The Civic is well underway. The City also anticipates commencing the SWIP (Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project) project in 2018, with project completion by 2020. Additionally, in an effort to gauge interest and market feasibility, the City recently issued a Request for Proposal seeking qualified teams and proposals to renovate and operate The Civic.

This is the first in a continuing series on what’s happening with The Civic. Updates regarding The Civic RFP will be posted on the City’s Housing and Economic Development homepage as the proposal process evolves.

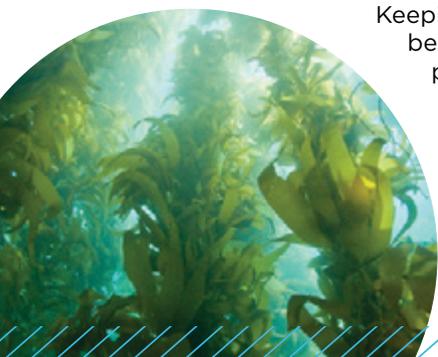
For more information, visit smgov.net/civic and smgov.net/departments/HED.

UNDERWATER PARKS IS COMING TO THE AQUARIUM

Dive into Southern California’s underwater marine parks without getting wet. On January 20, Heal the Bay’s Santa Monica Pier Aquarium celebrates the establishment of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), or underwater parks. The marine education center will unveil its new virtual reality headsets, allowing visitors of all ages to experience the beauty of an underwater park.

Keeping Santa Monica Bay healthy for marine life, and for all who enjoy the coastal waters, has been the primary concern of Heal the Bay for more than 30 years. The environmental non-profit was a key player in the establishment of the Southern California MPAs, which received official designation in January 2013.

Special craft projects, face painting and a lively puppet show telling the story of Marine Protected Areas will be featured and included with admission to the Aquarium. The Aquarium is located at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beneath the pier’s Carousel Building, and is open Fridays from 2:00–5:00 p.m. and weekends from 12:30–5:00 p.m. You can find more information at healthebay.org/aquarium.



JANUARY 2018 EVENTS

Paid Sick Leave Increases

JANUARY 1

Santa Monica workers will be eligible for more paid sick leave beginning New Year's Day 2018. Starting January 1, Santa Monica workers in smaller businesses (25 or fewer employees) will be able to earn 40 hours of paid sick leave, while workers in larger businesses can earn 72 hours.

smgov.net/minimumwage

Fireside at The Miles

JANUARY 7-FEBRUARY 25 AT MILES MEMORIAL PLAYHOUSE

Every Fireside Concert features a different mix of contemporary music, opera, jazz, storytelling, dance, poetry, beat boxing, a capella singing and more.

smgov.net/milesplayhouse

Santa Monica Restaurant Week

JANUARY 8-14 AT VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

In celebration of California Restaurant Month, participating Santa Monica restaurants and their chefs will craft delicious, healthy and custom dishes centered around this year's special restaurant week ingredient: the pomegranate.

santamonica.com/restaurantweek

Samba Reggae Dance & Drum with Slleyk

JANUARY 13-MARCH 3, 6 P.M.-8 P.M. AT 1450 OCEAN AVE.

This dynamic, energetic Latin dance incorporates the authentic and original Samba Reggae born in Bahia, the first capital of Brazil, as well as Afro-Brazilian dance.

smgov.net/1450ocean

Soundwaves Concert:

Nathan Hubbard Quartet

JANUARY 17, 7:30 P.M. AT MAIN LIBRARY

Check out new music from San Diego percussionist and composer Nathan Hubbard.

Ride with the Mayor

JANUARY 20, 9:30 A.M.

Santa Monica is a great place to bike with 100+ miles of bikeways, Breeze bike share, and desirable weather. Even Mayor Winterer is a cyclist and he's inviting everyone to join the latest installment of these monthly community rides.

For details, visit smgov.net/mayors-ride.

Homeless Count and Survey

JANUARY 24

The nationwide Homeless Count and Survey occurs annually during the last week of January. Join the City of Santa Monica for this important survey that helps the region understand trends in homelessness.

smgov.net/homelessness

State of the City

FEBRUARY 1, 5 P.M.-7:30 P.M. AT SOKA GAKKAI WORLD PEACE AUDITORIUM

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual State of the City, bringing the business and resident communities together to hear about the City's newest initiatives from the City Manager and Mayor.

smchamber.com.

Find more events at santamonica.gov/events.

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:

January 9
January 23

Meeting dates are occasionally changed; please visit 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. 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.

All communications regarding City Council agenda items will now be available for public viewing online at smgov.net/council/agendas.

PREPARING FOR FUTURE DISASTERS

As the region recovers from some of the most devastating fires in recent memory, the City of Santa Monica urges residents to take this time to prepare for a potential future disaster in our community. Whether it be a regional wildfire, earthquake, flu virus, act of terror or tsunami, the City has plans in place to respond to a variety of emergencies. It's important that residents do their part to ensure the safety of their friends, family and colleagues. Below, we address some of the most common questions we received during the recent wildfires.

What should I have ready if I need to evacuate?

Although an evacuation for a wildfire would be very rare in Santa Monica, you may need to evacuate your home if it is unsafe after a major earthquake. Make an emergency action plan for your family. Have two locations where your family could meet if you had to evacuate your home or neighborhood. City of Santa Monica Office of Emergency Management recommends each household prepare a disaster "Go-Kit" For more information about what to include visit smgov.net/departments/oem.

What would an evacuation of Santa Monica look like?

In the event where an evacuation is required for even a small section of Santa Monica, the City of Santa Monica will initiate a SM Alert to all residents and businesses in the impacted area. This evacuation message would go out to landlines that are registered in public records as well as all cell phones and e-mail addresses that are registered with SM Alerts, Santa Monica's mass notification system. If there was an imminent threat and evacuation is mandatory, law enforcement would notify all residents.

Would there be shelters available?

The City of Santa Monica Emergency Operations Center would coordinate with the American Red Cross and other community partners on suitable evacuation shelter locations. This information would be disseminated to the public using social media, SM Alerts, local media, and the City's website.



Photo of Thomas Fire by Santa Monica Firefighter

Where can I find more information and alerts?

To receive SM Alerts for your home or business, visit smalerts.net and register for "emergency" alerts. Residents and businesses may also register for Public Safety notices that provide situational awareness on immediate safety concerns in our community.

Resource Links

smalerts.net
smgov.net/departments/oem
ready.gov
twitter.com/santamonicacity

Santa Monica Public Library Info

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.