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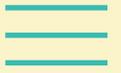
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REIMAGINING THE BUDGET

In the winter of 2017, in preparation for the *FY 2017-19 Biennial Budget*, the City began a process of organizing the work we do to serve the community around the achievement of key outcomes. *The Framework*, which Council approved with the adoption of the budget in June 2017, creates a structure through which we will measure progress towards becoming a *Sustainable City of Wellbeing*.

The shift to a reimagined, performance-based biennial budget provides staff and the community with a data-driven methodology by which to allocate existing resources to areas that help achieve outcomes through a *Framework for a Sustainable City of Wellbeing*. This is a critical shift as the City looks ahead to significant financial challenges in the coming years from steep increases in pension costs due to the City's long-term unfunded pension liability and a flattening of existing revenue sources in a new economy. The City Council will adopt a fiscal sustainability philosophy that will help guide budget development. Additionally, the City will transition from 5- to 10-year forecasts to enhance our understanding of the impacts that pension costs and new programs and projects will have on the budget.

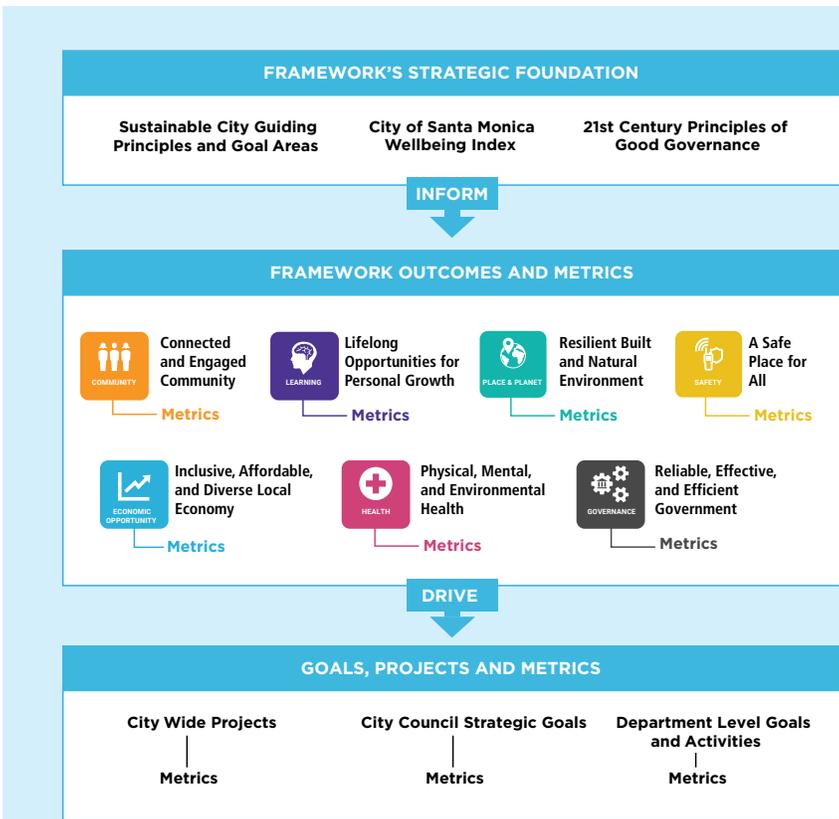
The transition to performance-based budgeting will continue through a number of future biennial budget

The City of Santa Monica City Council supports the use of data to inform decision-making processes and deliver responsive results to create a model 21st Century government and a sustainable city of wellbeing that works for everyone. The City will manage performance and focus resources to achieve the community-focused outcomes included in the *Framework for a Sustainable City of Wellbeing*.

periods as various elements are introduced each year. Staff expects to have sufficient data to begin using metrics to inform our budget decision-making during the *FY 2021-23 Biennial Budget*.

Community engagement will be important every step of the way, and in preparation for the *FY 2019-21 Biennial Budget*, the City will be looking to community members to help refine budget priorities. We are asking you to be active participants in this dynamic process by joining community conversations, visiting us at City events, and responding to a community survey.

For more information on how you can get involved, please visit smgov.net. For more information about the *Framework for a Sustainable City of Wellbeing*, please visit smgov.net/samostat.



NORTH BEACH BIKE PATH UPDATE

The City of Santa Monica has been working to make Marvin Braude Bike Trail (Beach Trail) safer and more user-friendly for pedestrians and cyclists. The North Beach Trail Improvement Project will improve approximately 2 miles of the Beach Trail and upgrade roughly 1 mile of the Ocean Front Walk pedestrian path, north of the Pier.

- PROJECT GOALS**
- Improve safety and circulation
 - Create separate walking and biking paths
 - Improve Ocean Front Walk

The City began the community outreach process with an online survey that was available in March-April 2017. In addition, an in-person survey was conducted on April 9, 2017 along the beach trail.

Over 1000 responses were received. This valuable input was key in helping to form the initial design concepts for the bike path improvements. The concepts were then presented at a Community Open House on the beach on May 20, 2017.

Construction is expected to begin Spring 2019 and be completed in one year. For updated information visit santamonicaparks.org.



OCEAN FRONT WALK **PROPOSED**



NORTH TRAIL - OCEAN FRONT WALK TO CITY LIMIT **PROPOSED**

SUSTAINABLE SANTA MONICA ALLEYS



If you live or work in Santa Monica, then you've most likely traveled our bustling streets and seen City construction crews working alongside milling and concrete trucks in nearby alleys. This year, as part of the City's annual Alley Renewal Program, the Public Works Department is resurfacing 13 alleys in need of major

repairs. Crews began repairs in February and will continue renewing these high-priority alleys through December 2018.

Three of the alleys were reconstructed with gutters crafted from pervious concrete, which will absorb urban runoff (rainwater and nuisance water) from City streets. This helps prevent

polluted runoff from draining into the ocean and improve the water quality at our local beaches. It also helps reduce flooding and ponding during storm events. Over time, the water percolating through the pervious concrete gutters will help replenish Santa Monica's groundwater supply, contributing to the City's goal of achieving water self-sufficiency.



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A LETTER FROM CITY MANAGER RICK COLE

Not since the days of Vietnam and Watergate has there been such deep and widespread mistrust of government – at all levels.

I recall my first day on the job in Santa Monica three years ago. I wanted to spend time out in the field at our libraries, fire stations, the public works yards and the Big Blue Bus headquarters. In the courtyard of our main library downtown, I came upon four women playing bridge. I introduced myself as the new City Manager. They told me they loved our libraries and shared how much they enjoyed them. I asked about our Police Department. They had nothing but good things to say. Same for our Fire Department. When I asked about parks, one of them said we should have more, but the

ones we have were great. I responded that it sounded like they were pretty happy with their city government.

“City government?” “Happy?” “Oh, no!” they all responded in chorus. They told me the government was terrible. Incompetent! Crooked! In their minds, city government was to blame for traffic, crime and practically everything wrong with society today.

To them, “the government” was not the entity that provided the library, police, fire and parks that they appreciated. No, government was an alien presence they read about in the media – or on social media. And that’s a growing attitude across our country. The people are “us.” The government is “them.”

CITY MANAGER RICK COLE (CONTINUED)

There are 20 million people who work in state and local government in America. Some of them are stupid. Some of them are lazy. Some of them are incompetent. Some of them are corrupt. But watching Fox News or following some threads on Facebook and Twitter, you'd think that nearly all of us were stupid, lazy, incompetent and corrupt.

Of course that's not true. Here and elsewhere, the vast majority of librarians, police officers, firefighters, civil engineers, bus drivers and planners are skilled, hardworking professionals with a passion for public service. So are the supervisors, chiefs and managers who lead them. They work hard and care deeply for our community. Yet more and more Americans are not just unhappy with the shortcomings of government — they are mistrustful, resentful and angry. So why the hostility?

There is no easy answer. Those of us who serve in government certainly aren't perfect. Neither is the City of Santa Monica. We make mistakes, sometimes big ones. Yet there is a fundamental difference between recognizing that democracy is messy and government is flawed — and believing that democracy is a fraud — and government is evil.

28% of residents agree or strongly agree they can influence decisions affecting Santa Monica.

Source: *The Wellbeing Index*

Can we address this national crisis of trust in government right here in our own community?

In many ways, we already do. Hundreds of citizens are active in all kinds of constructive ways. They serve on the City Council and City Commissions and volunteer in myriad ways from the Friends of the Library to the Community Emergency Response Teams. They actively participate in community events, civic organizations and workshops. They volunteer in our schools, charities and faith communities to tackle some of our most difficult community challenges. In fact, if you are reading this issue of the *Seascope*, you are taking the time to be informed and active about your community.

Yet too many locals feel deeply estranged from their government — or simply detached. That's why we strive to do better. To be accessible, visible, active, transparent and accountable in seeking out members of our community — and not simply reacting to the loudest voices. Two minutes speaking at City Council meetings can't foster the kind of informed and thoughtful dialogue we need to tackle community challenges like homelessness, the rising cost of living and crime.

To foster that kind of interchange, last year we held a series of community conversations about public safety that weren't structured formal meetings — but opportunities for free-flowing dialogue. We are planning more early next year to talk together about our long-term budget choices.

We can't make everyone happy all the time — as President Kennedy eloquently explained, to govern is to choose. Government today involves tough choices about how and where to spend time and money — and when it comes to politics, we live in polarized times. Yet even if people are inevitably going to be disappointed when they don't always get their way, those of us in government can still strive to look for common ground.

There's also much you can do. Nowadays it is more popular to talk about the rights of individuals than their responsibilities. Yet no democracy can last long without the values of tolerance, compromise, and a commitment to the common good. The Greeks, who invented both the word and the practice, used to swear an oath on reaching the age of citizenship to “leave our city better — and more beautiful — than we found it.” Those ideals may be ancient, but they are still sorely needed.

Democracy, as Churchill famously said, is the worst form of government — except all the others. It requires citizens to take an active and informed role in making government work. Santa Monica is small enough for even a single individual to make a difference. If you are not satisfied with how well our government and democracy is working now, remember what Al Smith said a hundred years ago, “all the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy.” Get involved — and help leave our city greater and more beautiful than we found it.

To learn more about how you can be more informed or contribute, visit weare.santamonica.gov.

HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO GET MORE INVOLVED!

The City is proud to have an engaged community. Without its caring residents, Santa Monica wouldn't be the amazing City it is today. And we want to hear more from you!

Whether you want to weigh in on a City project or join a Board or Commission, here are ways you can directly get involved to make the City of Santa Monica an even better place.

1 COME TO A COUNCIL MEETING

Get to know your elected officials and speak out about issues you're passionate about. Council meetings and their agendas are open to the public, and you're welcome to attend in order to stay informed and advocate for your needs, as well as the needs of your community. The Santa Monica City Council meets every month in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Please turn to page 12 for meeting dates in November and December or go to smgov.net/council for more information.



Department's functions, responsibilities and operational procedures. Some of the activities may include mock traffic stops and a ride-along with a patrol officer. You must be at least 18 and live, work or attend school in Santa Monica. For more information visit santamonicapd.org.

2 SUPPORT ISSUES YOU CARE ABOUT

What's an issue you're passionate about? Homelessness? Climate change? Housing? The City partners with dozens of nonprofit organizations that may already be working on issues close to your heart. Support them by donating, signing petitions and writing letters to raise awareness. Volunteering is a GREAT way to support your favorite cause. It's highly rewarding. Plus, you can meet new people, gain job experience and have fun! Go to weare.santamonica.gov/volunteer to learn more.



4 WEIGH IN ON CITY PROJECTS

Your opinion matters! The City often invites Santa Monicans to weigh in on important decisions that impact the community. Most recently, the City conducted surveys and hosted community workshops for its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Look out for future opportunities to weigh in. If you missed out on recent participation for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, there's another chance to share your thoughts in early 2019. For more information and to stay informed on this project, visit santamonicaparks.org.



3 JOIN THE COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

Are you interested in the safety of our community and want to learn more about local law enforcement? Join the Santa Monica Community Police Academy! It's a free 10-12 week program designed to give you an overview of the Santa Monica Police



5 SERVE ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION

Whether you're interested in helping seniors or supporting people with disabilities, there's a commission or board that supports communities you care about. The City Clerk's Department administers the opening, notification, application and appointment process for Board and Commission vacancies, and you are welcome to apply. Learn more about our Boards and Commission on pages 6-7 or visit smgov.net/clerk.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – COME TO A COUNCIL MEETING

The City Clerk’s Office provides support to the City Council and records Council proceedings; manages the City’s records and responds to public requests for information. Here’s the City Clerk’s point of view on how to get involved.



SANTA MONICANS WANT TO GET INVOLVED. WHERE DO THEY START?

A starting point is as close as page 12 of this issue of Seascape. Take a look at the list of public meetings and see if any of the Boards or Commissions look interesting. Or check out pages 6 and 7 for a quick peek at some of the Boards and Commissions.

IF A COUPLE OF THEM DO LOOK INTERESTING, WHAT’S THE NEXT STEP?

Visit smgov.net/boards to learn more about the meetings of interest. You can also download agendas to better understand what is covered at the meetings.

CAN RESIDENTS JUST SHOW UP TO ANY MEETING?

Absolutely, all Board and Commission meetings are open to the public.

DO THEY JUST LISTEN? OR CAN THEY GIVE COMMENTS AT THE MEETING?

Attendees are welcome to listen to the meeting, and but everyone who signs up to speak before Public Comment is closed has the opportunity to share their thoughts



WHAT IF THEY CAN’T MAKE THE MEETING AT THE SCHEDULED TIME?

Not a problem. They can also email comments at their convenience in advance of the meeting date to the Staff contact located on the agenda.

DOES ANYONE REALLY CARE WHAT THE RESIDENTS THINK?

Very much so. In fact, the Boards and Commissions rely on community members to give them an idea of what they want and value. If community members do not relay what they want, the Boards and Commissions won’t know how to effect the change that members want to see.

NOW YOU’VE GOT ME EXCITED.

That’s exactly what we need! People who love our City and who will take the time to tell us what they think is best for it. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

For more information, turn to page 12, or visit smgov.net/boards.

MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A great way to get involved in the Santa Monica community is to participate in one of the many boards or commissions. Here is an introduction to many of these groups and the people that lead them. For meeting dates and times see page 12 or for more information visit smgov.net/boards.

Airport Commission

ANDREW J WILDER, CHAIR

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1) Tell us about your commission.

The Airport Commission advises the City Council on all matters pertaining to the airport and aviation in the City.

2) What do you want the residents of Santa Monica to know about your commission?

With the passage of Measure LC by a wide margin and the agreement with the FAA, the City will close the airport at the end of 2028 and turn it into a 227-acre Great Park for all to enjoy. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to leave a grand legacy for many future generations. Until then, we are focused on keeping the airport operating safely and equitably.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Come to an Airport Commission meeting! Visit the current Airport Park (soon to be expanded) and Museum of Flying! Enjoy lunch at the Spitfire Grill! Bask in the sweeping vistas from the Airport observation deck! To learn more, visit Airport2Park.org.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Walking to brunch at nearby restaurants. Local and Lunetta All Day are two favorites!



We were active in giving input to the new Downtown Community Plan, especially how new development will interface with Downtown's historic character, and also how new public spaces can be activated and sidewalks designed to create a seamless public experience. Also, we now have a liaison to the Urban Forest Task Force.

3) How can residents get more involved?

We welcome public comment. Even if you can't make it to the meeting in person, you can send comments via email beforehand and your comments will become part of the review.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

I often take my kids to the Ocean Park library and then get a treat on Main Street. I also like to ride my bike early in the morning and if I'm lucky, see a dolphin or two off shore.

Arts Commission

MICHAEL ROBERT MYERS, CHAIR

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The Arts Commission ensures a regular and ongoing assessment of arts programs in the City, develops arts programs of innovative form, recognizes and encourages the arts as a service of local government, and enriches the lives of all citizens through exposure to art in its various forms.

Commission for the Senior Community

BARRY ENGELMAN, CHAIR

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1) What is the focus of your commission?

We act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City management on issues relating to citizens of Santa Monica ages 50 and older. We collect information on matters relevant to seniors and make recommendations, when appropriate, to the City Council.

2) Any recent activities you want to share?

We help fund the production of the Westside Guide for the 50+ community. In April, the Commission co-sponsored a tech fair for seniors with Older Adult Task Force. In September, the Commission and Wise and Healthy Aging co-sponsored a meet and greet for seniors with the Mayor,



Architectural Review Board

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1) What is the focus and goal of your board?

We review building and landscape projects for their compatibility and quality, looking closely at how these projects fit within their context and the unique character of each district. We evaluate design integrity, material choices, color, and sustainability among other considerations.

2) Any topics/events/resources you want the residents of Santa Monica to know about?



City Manager and Police Chief. We reviewed and made recommendations on the City's Sustainability plan, Vision Zero, and MODE transportation plan.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Santa Monica residents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, where we provide an opportunity for public comment.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

My wife and I enjoy taking long walks on the beach path, then stopping for brunch at Perry's.

Commission on the Status of Women

SYLVIA GHAZARIAN, CHAIR

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1) What is the goal of your commission?

Our goals are investigation, advocacy and policy development for issues relevant to women and girls. We remain committed to women's rights and do not tolerate violence against women and girls, unequal pay, and uneven academic and economic opportunities. The Commission promotes these goals by creating leadership and career advancement opportunities in our community.



2) What are some agenda items you want Santa Monicans to know about?

To stop human trafficking; raise awareness about domestic violence, harassment, assault and rape; letters of support to the Governor on specific legislative bills; and putting together a comprehensive Status of Women and Girls Data Report. We post events and information on the City website and on facebook.com/smcosw.

3) What events are open to the community?

We have some annual core events, including a Women's History Month reception, art exhibit and proclamation with City Council. Denim Day in April, Handbags for Hope during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, and the Women's Empowerment Summit.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Being with family and friends, walking our dog along the beach, visiting our many libraries, shopping at our amazing Farmers Markets, spending time at our parks and dining at the many restaurants.

Recreation and Parks Commission

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1) What is the goal of your commission?

To create and maintain parks and programs that help people live fuller, healthier lives. We are now updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, working on the

Memorial Park redesign, planning the new North Beach Bike Path and we just opened a new playground.

2) What has your commission been focused on lately?

Homelessness and public safety in our parks, especially at Reed, Palisades and Tongva parks. We have advocated for a stronger police presence and are pressing the Council to be more active in seeking new solutions to homelessness because residents say it's a primary concern.



3) How can residents get more involved?

I often see small groups of smart, passionate people get results because they get organized and don't give up. Find something you and your neighbors and friends care about and devote an hour or two a week to a cause and go from there. Join a neighborhood group such as wilmont.org.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Friday night with my wife cruising down the bike path to play pool or go dancing in Ocean Park or Venice. Dining in Downtown or along Montana or Main Street.

Disabilities Commission

MARIELLE KRIESEL, CHAIR

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1) What is the focus of your commission?

The purpose of the Disabilities Commission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by increasing awareness of the abilities and rights of people with physical and mental impairments through ongoing public events. We also advise the City Council and staff on issues of significance to people with disabilities.



2) Any recent highlights you want the residents of Santa Monica to know about?

This past May at the Main Library, we mounted a successful art exhibit of artists acknowledging their struggles with mental health through the creation of artwork in a range of media, to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month. We also participated in the Main Street 4th of July parade.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Santa Monica residents can become more involved by hiring people with disabilities into meaningful roles.

4) What's your favorite weekend activity?

Depends on the time of year, but for winter, my favorite thing to do is catch up with my pile of New Yorker magazines!

Landmarks Commission

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1) What is the goal of your commission?

The ordinance that established Santa Monica's historic preservation program in 1975 described this so well:

"To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." [SMMC Chapter 9.56]

2) What do you want the residents of Santa Monica to know?

Any individual or organization may submit an application for Landmark, Structure of Merit or Historic District designation of a structure, group of properties, natural feature or an object. Fees are waived for non-profit organizations.

Owners of designated properties enjoy benefits such as property tax savings, plan check priority status, and fee waivers for Planning permits and Building Plan check. See bit.ly/2NurOED.

The Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) lists buildings considered potentially eligible for designation. View an interactive map of designated properties at bit.ly/SM-HCI.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Is there something in your neighborhood or elsewhere in our City, such as a home, commercial property or cultural site, which you'd like to know about because of its special character, design, beauty, location or history? Learn more about Santa Monica history at a Landmark Commission meeting or a Santa Monica Conservancy event or tour. For more information, email steve.mizokami@smgov.net, stephanie.reich@smgov.net or see santamonicaconservancy.com.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Wandering through Saturday's Farmers Market in Virginia Avenue Park. Visiting galleries in Bergamot Station. Strolling on Ocean Front Walk. Joining community events, such as COAST and street fairs.

Housing Commission

MICHAEL SOLOFF, CHAIR
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The Housing Commission aims to improve quality of life by supporting and helping to guide the production and preservation of affordable housing in Santa Monica. The Commission advises and assists the City Council on the housing policies, programs and projects they implement, and works to enhance the social, economic and cultural vitality of our community.

Personnel Board

BUD PELL, CHAIR
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1) Tell us about your board.

The Personnel Board advises the City Council and Human Resources Director on matters relating to personnel administration. We also act as a quasi-judicial review body for hearing employee appeals of certain disciplinary actions. In conducting our business the Board considers the rights and interests of City employees, the City administration and the citizens and taxpayers of Santa Monica.

2) What do you want the residents of Santa Monica to know?

One of the Board's primary functions is to act as a bastion of 14th Amendment due process, which guarantees to all permanent civil service employees a formal, evidentiary hearing before a neutral body in the event of disciplinary action. Our decisions and recommendations help the City maintain a strong workforce where all employees are treated fairly.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Though we generally deal with matters that are not going to attract much public attention, meetings are open to the public.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Strolling along the bluffs in Palisades Park and gazing at the glorious ocean views. Been doing it since my days at Santa Monica College, still wondrous and rejuvenating and new every time.

Planning Commission

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1) What is the goal of your commission?

The Planning Commission envisions a City of wellbeing, sustainability and equity and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan, its Specific Plans and State law. Specifically, it acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Planning Department staff regarding upcoming projects, complex development issues, code changes and long-term planning documents.

2) What topics do you cover during the meetings?

We cover a gamut of issues from sustainability to housing affordability to mobility (traffic) to coastal access, among others. It's all informed by public input, impartial analysis and best practices in land use and planning.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Typically about once a week, there is a hearing or workshop residents and businesses can attend about some topic of

planning interest. The best thing to do is to go to those hearings or presentations and offer your opinion on the issues that concern you.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Go to the beach!

Santa Monica Library Board

MARC MORGENSTERN, CHAIR
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1) Tell us about your board.

The Santa Monica Library Board plays an advisory and oversight role in the operation of our five libraries. Goals include: serving as a vibrant learning center through all phases of life, cultivating wellbeing for all and offering a forum for true civic engagement. We are also working to address homelessness, among other core community concerns.



2) Any agenda items you want the residents of Santa Monica to know about?

Agendas have included homelessness, removal of fines for children, and our technology master plan. Our resources are unparalleled. An extensive physical collection of books, e-books, CDs, DVDs and photographs, with free, digital access for these media via your phone or laptop. We provide entertaining and educational programs for all ages inside our libraries, plus pop-up libraries at the beach. Schedules are available at our branches or online at smpl.org.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Join us by obtaining a library card at any branch. We welcome Santa Monica residents to attend our meetings, where we set aside time for comments and questions. Residents are also welcome to get involved with the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation of Santa Monica. Visit your local branch, our website, our Facebook page—facebook.com/smpublib.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

I sit outside early in the morning reading a book I've taken out of the library.

Social Services Commission

BILL PARENT, CHAIR
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1) What is the focus of your commission?

The Social Services Commission works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Santa Monica residents through research, outreach and advocacy. The Commission advises City Council and City staff on identifying needs, setting priorities, planning programs and analyzing fiscal impacts on social services.



2) Anything you want the residents of Santa Monica to know about?

The Social Services Commission acts as an additional set of eyes and ears for the City Council. In the coming year, we will focus on a range of issues, including unmet needs of children, youth and families; mental health issues as they apply to homelessness, substance abuse and recovery, board and care; and accountability in terms of goals and objectives and performance management in the City's awards and contracts.

3) How can residents get more involved?

Get off the internet, and deliberate challenges and ideas face to face. Become active with commissions and initiatives such as the Homelessness Steering Committee. The City's "Volunteer, Donate, Advocate" challenge is a pretty good place to start.

4) What's your favorite thing to do in Santa Monica during the weekend?

Sail our little boat, walk on the beach, listen to live music, especially at McCabe's and Harvelle's, and watch my Red Sox beat the Yankees at Big Dean's.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
JOIN YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AS
THEY TAKE THEIR OATH OF SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 213, 6:00 P.M.

ANECDOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES



Photo from the Image Archives of the Santa Monica Public Library

In 1875, Santa Monica was an unincorporated part of L.A. County, and therefore couldn't self-govern. Eleven years later in 1886, on a second vote, residents passed a law to incorporate.

Five trustees were elected to run the first Santa Monica City government, and they immediately appointed others to help keep order and to pass ordinances that helped ensure the City's safety and cleanliness.

Their early meetings were held at the Santa Monica Hotel, then located at Colorado and Ocean Avenues, and the Rapp Saloon, at its original location at 1438 Second Street. Rent at the beer hall was \$35/month.

Eventually, in 1903, a building dedicated to City offices was built at Fourth and Oregon (now Santa Monica Boulevard) at a cost of \$38,000. A City charter was adopted and seven council members and a mayor (none of whom were full-time government employees) were assisted by three elected commissioners to run the City.

In 1938, the City took advantage of federal funds provided by the Public Works Administration to build a new City Hall at its current location, 1685 Main Street. Designed by architects Donald B. Parkinson and Joseph M. Estep, it combined the architectural styles of

Streamline Moderne and Art Deco (also known as WPA Moderne), the style widely used in WPA projects.

Throughout the building and at its entrance are Gladding McBean hand-crafted ceramic tiles. These beautiful tiles are also found in other public buildings including the Wrigley Building (Chicago) and Carnegie Hall (New York City), and in Los Angeles at the Bullock's-Wilshire department store, Union Station and Los Angeles City Hall. The lobby also features historic Stanton Macdonald-Wright murals documenting the City's and the state's histories. Inlaid on the floor is the City seal, featuring a mermaid and Spanish galleon on the bay, with sun, mountains, clouds, airplanes and the date of founding, 1875. A ribbon near its base carries the City's motto, "*Populus Felix en Urbe Felice*," Latin for "Fortunate People in a Fortunate Land."

The building is a local designated landmark, is on the California Register of Historical Resources, and is eligible for listing in the federal Register of Historic Places.

For additional information, please contact the Santa Monica Conservancy at info@smconservancy.org.

Sources: *Santa Monica: A History on the Edge* by Paula Scott, and the Santa Monica Public Library Image Archives.

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS IN SANTA MONICA

Santa Monica is your home for the holidays with an array of winter festivities, including the return of the favorite outdoor ice-skating rink and two tree-lighting ceremonies.

Ice Skating in Santa Monica

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 - MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

Every holiday season Downtown Santa Monica brings a little ice skating to our beachside community, transforming the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue into the winter wonderland. For more info visit downtownsm.com.

Wonderland by the Water

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Montana Avenue Holiday Walk

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Discounted Hotels

Wish you had an extra bedroom and looking for a hotel deal for guests during the holidays? Santa Monica Travel & Tourism is here to help!

To celebrate our community, Santa Monica hotels are extending discounts to Santa Monica residents and guests with the Extra Bedroom Program, taking place Nov. 12 - January 18, 2019. Contact us for activity ideas, visitor guides or Santa Monica gifts at 310.319.6263. See full details at santamonica.com/extra-bedroom.



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER



A great way to get more involved in the community is through one of the City's farmers market volunteer programs: general market volunteers, education volunteers and kids' activities. The City's volunteers are the backbone of our community and are vital in helping the farmers markets run efficiently and successfully. For additional information visit, farmersmarket.smgov.net.

Stuffed Apple Crisp

These baked apples are the perfect treat to cap off your fall dinner on a chilly night. Plus, everyone gets their own personal dessert so no fighting at the table either!

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.

The following ingredients were purchased at the Wednesday Downtown Farmer Market at 2nd & Arizona:
 Apples: *See Canyon Apples*
 Pecans: *Cal Pecan*
 Butter: *Achadinha Cheese Company*

INGREDIENTS

6 medium to large honey crisp apples	1/4 c. sugar
3 tbsp. butter	1 tsp cinnamon

CRUMBLE TOPPING

1/4 c. all-purpose flour	1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 c. rolled oats	4 tbsp. butter, cold
1/3 c. sugar	1/4 c. chopped pecans
1/2 tsp. cinnamon	

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Prepare the crumble topping. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the flour through the salt. Cut in the butter using two knives until the mixture is crumbly. Set aside.
3. Chop 2 of the apples into small pieces.
4. In a small saucepan, combine butter, sugar, and cinnamon along with the chopped apples and sauté over medium heat until apples are soft and tender. Allow to cool.
5. Chop the tops off the 4 remaining apples and hollow out the core with a spoon careful to keep the apple intact.
6. Fill hollowed out apples with the warm apple mixture and top with generous amount of crumble mixture.
7. Place on a baking sheet and bake about 10-12 minutes.
8. Drizzle with honey, caramel sauce, or top with ice cream, if desired; which of course, is always the case!



SEE YOU AT THE FARMERS MARKETS!

WEDNESDAYS

Arizona Ave. @ 2nd St.
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Arizona Ave. @ 3rd St.
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Virginia Avenue Park
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

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

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY AND HOLIDAY SALES COMING TO SANTA MONICA

Save the date: **Saturday, November 24th.** Small Business Saturday is an international campaign launched in 2010 as a way to drive more holiday shopping to small businesses and to recognize the role these places have in making our communities strong, vibrant and healthy. Santa Monica is proud to be a local champion of this worthwhile campaign. The event marks the start of our 'Tis the Season to Buy Local holiday season with "shop small" holiday events taking place throughout Santa Monica each Saturday, starting with the Shop Small Sidewalk Sale on Montana Avenue, Saturday, November 24, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For more details: buylocalsantamonica.com/events.



10 Easy Ways to Buy Local for the Holidays

- 1 **Head to your SM Farmers Markets** and stock up on ingredients for your holiday meals.
- 2 For some free family fun, **attend the Main Street, Pico Boulevard, Montana Avenue, SM Pier and Downtown SM holiday events** and find the perfect gifts. buylocalsm.com/events
- 3 **Ice skate under the palm trees!** Head to Downtown SM's ICE (or drop off your family while you shop!).
- 4 **Meet up with coworkers or friends** for holiday cheer at a Santa Monica pub or coffee bar.
- 5 **Have friends or family visiting?** Treat them to a night at a Santa Monica hotel and enjoy the local discounts of the Extra Bedroom Program. santamonica.com/extrabedroom
- 6 **Snag some great early deals** at Small Business Saturday on Montana Avenue (Nov 24th).
- 7 **Bike Local, Buy Local.** To avoid hassles with parking and traffic, grab your bike or scooter and enjoy exercise while you do your holiday shopping. smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Transportation/Bicyclists
- 8 **Looking for a great venue for a holiday office party?** We've got over 170 Buy Local SM restaurants to choose from: buylocalsm.com/vendors/category/restaurants. They are also great for catering the holiday meals that you don't have time to cook! Check out the Eat Local SM catering + events venue guide for more info: buylocalsm.com/eatlocalsm.
- 9 **Buy Local, Give Local this holiday season.** Help support one of Santa Monica's many local charities this holiday season by shopping at a Santa Monica charity shop or consider providing a gift donation to a SM-based non-profit.
- 10 **Shop small and choose local.** Make a pledge this year to buy local and support your favorite small businesses this holiday season. We want to keep them in business! For inspiration and ideas, check out our Holiday Gift Guide on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) @buylocalsm.

HOW COMPASSION AND KINSHIP MOTIVATE TESS' WORK WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Addressing the homelessness crisis is a priority for Santa Monica, and it's also a priority for people like Tess. Three days a week, you can find Tess sitting at the triage desk at the Access Center for homeless drop-in services at the corner of Olympic and 5th. One by one, unhoused people walk up to the desk and she asks them a few simple questions: What's your name? How long have you been in Santa Monica? What's your date of birth?

Asking for their date of birth, she says, is the thing that always touches her. Suddenly it all hits home. This person standing in front of her has a birthday. This person was somebody's child. It serves to remind her: this isn't a bad person. Something really bad happened to this person. This realization fuels her empathy and motivates her volunteer work at The People Concern.

FINDING KINSHIP AT THE PEOPLE CONCERN

It was after the untimely passing of her son that Tess began looking for a meaningful outlet. Her friend introduced her to The People Concern. It's an organization that serves people experiencing homelessness through a holistic system of care. The organization provides mental health and medical care, substance abuse services, and permanent supportive housing. As Tess got to know the organization, she began to feel certain that this is where she should be investing her time.

One of the things Tess emphasizes about her time spent volunteering is the sense of immediate kinship she feels with the clients at The People Concern. Whether it's laughing at TV soap operas with a group of women, or bonding with a gentleman because he shares a name and birthday with her brother, she finds points of connection everywhere. She finds there's really very little difference between those experiencing homeless and those who are not; that the divide between "us" and "them" is quite narrow. She finds that in the end, we're all just people. We like the sunshine. We like being near the ocean. We like being treated with kindness.



PUTTING YOUR RADAR OUT FOR WAYS TO HELP

Tess' care for the homeless doesn't stop when she steps outside the Access Center. She often keeps bags of supplies in her car that she can hand out to people in need. For Tess, it's a way of life, and it's something I got to experience firsthand.

I met up with Tess at Ishihara Park near Bergamot Station on a Saturday. Like most days in Santa Monica, the sun was out and there was a gentle breeze blowing. As Tess was waiting to be interviewed for this piece, she noticed a homeless person sitting on a park bench. She walked over and offered him a bottle of water and a snack. Tess has her radar out for people in need at all times. She sees them and then she asks herself if there's a way she can help. It's second nature to her.

Volunteers like Tess and organizations like The People Concern are working every day to help meet the needs of the 53,000 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

We Are Santa Monica is proud to highlight standout individuals committed to creating a stronger community. To find out more, visit weare.santamonica.gov.

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

If you'd like to be part of the solution to the regional crisis, please volunteer or donate. Whether you're a student, professional, member of a family or faith group, or a retiree, there are volunteer and donation opportunities offered for everyone by community organizations that are supporting people experiencing homelessness in Santa Monica.

BACK ON MY FEET

811 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

la.backonmyfeet.org

MISSION: To revolutionize the way our society approaches homelessness. Our unique running-based model demonstrates that if you first restore confidence, strength and self-esteem, individuals are better equipped to tackle the road ahead and move toward jobs, homes and new lives.

VOLUNTEER: Fundraising

DONATE: Money

CHRYSALIS

1853 Lincoln Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.401.9400

changelives.org

MISSION: To create a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to find and retain employment.

VOLUNTEER: Class facilitation, professional resume writing, interview practice

DONATE: Money, stocks and bonds, travel-sized hygiene products, business attire (ties, black belts, shirts, etc.)

CLARE FOUNDATION

909 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405
866.452.5273

clarefoundation.org

MISSION: To provide effective and affordable alcoholism, substance abuse and behavioral health treatment and prevention services.

VOLUNTEER: Fundraising events, promotional campaigns, digital design, administration, alumni support

DONATE: Money

DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

4760 S. Sepulveda Boulevard

Culver City, CA 90230 888.807.7250
didihirsch.org

MISSION: Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services transforms lives by providing quality mental health and substance abuse services in communities where stigma or poverty limit access.

VOLUNTEER: Suicide Prevention Center 24-hour crisis line/online crisis chat

DONATE: Money, travel-sized hygiene items, body wipes, sunscreen, blankets, bedding, socks, undergarments, non-perishable items, reusable shopping bags, travel-sized first-aid kits, water bottles

DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

12901 Venice Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90066 310.390.3611
dcrc.co

MISSION: To connect people with disabilities to resources, training and advocacy tools; promote disability pride; and build self-determined lives.

VOLUNTEER: Day of service (service organization or companies), administrative and clerical support, fundraising and special events, public relations

DONATE: Money, stocks and bonds

FAMILIES GIVE BACK

familiesgiveback.org

MISSION: To offer volunteer opportunities for families with children from 6-16, enabling them to give back to their communities and instill the value and importance of service work in children.

VOLUNTEER: Food pantries, soup kitchens, community clean-up, clothing sort

DONATE: Money, stocks, bonds, legal services, accounting services

THE GIVING SPIRIT

11693 San Vicente Boulevard, #113
Los Angeles, CA 90049
310.943.6460

thegivingspirit.org

MISSION: The Giving Spirit provides aid and a human connection to homeless men, women, children and families in LA. We also educate volunteers and communities about the human face of homelessness.

VOLUNTEER: PR, marketing, fundraising, admin support, project management, grant writing, event execution, street outreach

DONATE: Money, survival kit items, in-kind goods, large event facility, transportation

LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES

1640 5th Street, Suite 124
Santa Monica, CA 90401
800.399.4529

lafla.org

MISSION: To provide civil legal aid to poor and low-income people in Los Angeles County.

VOLUNTEER: Translation, legal services for projects, clinics and cases

DONATE: Money, stocks

THE PEOPLE CONCERN

1453 16th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404
323.334.9000

thepeopleconcern.org

MISSION: To provide integrated services to most vulnerable members of the community who are in need of assistance, including homeless individuals, survivors of domestic violence, challenged youth, and others who have nowhere else to turn.

VOLUNTEER: Meal service and preparation, administration, enrichment instruction

DONATE: Money, new socks and underwear, travel-sized hygiene items

MEALS ON WHEELS WEST

1823-A Michigan Avenue
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.394.5133

mealsonwheelswest.org

MISSION: Delivering More Than a Meal to homebound seniors, veterans,

the disabled, chronically ill and newly housed formerly homeless of all ages.
VOLUNTEER: Pick up and deliver meals

DONATE: Money, cars

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS

11303 Wilshire Boulevard, #116 Los Angeles, CA 90073 310.914.4045
ndvets.org

MISSION: Empower men and women who served in the military, and their families, to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

VOLUNTEER: Fundraising and special event support, holiday meal service, plan a “Day of Service” with your organization/company to provide services including gardening, painting, cleaning, and assembling care packages

DONATE: Money, bag lunches for welcome center, personal hygiene items, stocks & bonds, vehicles

SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH

2469 Lincoln Boulevard Venice, CA 90291 310.902.2283

safeplaceforyouth.org

MISSION: To inspire, nurture, and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time.

VOLUNTEER: Meal service, clothing distribution, street outreach, advocacy, healing arts, education and employment, mentoring, admin support

DONATE: Money, meals, travel-sized hygiene items, clothing, backpacks, sleeping bags.

THE SALVATION ARMY SANTA MONICA CORPS

1533 4th Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 310.451.1358
santamonica.salvationarmy.org

MISSION: To provide food, clothing, and hygiene for homeless individuals and families and transitional housing for veterans and youth through case management and navigation to local and regional shelters, housing, and substance-abuse treatment.

VOLUNTEER: Food pantry, meal service, outreach, administration

DONATE: Money

THE SANTA MONICA ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER-SALVATION ARMY

1666 11th Street Santa Monica, CA 90404 310.450.7235

santamonicaarc.salvationarmy.org

MISSION: Through holistic therapy, group and individual counseling, life skill development, and spiritual direction, residents learn to abandon substance reliance. For over 100 years, Salvation Army’s no-fee rehabilitation programs have provided emotional, spiritual and social assistance to those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

VOLUNTEER: Seniors-in Family Thrift Stores, program counselors

DONATE: Furniture, clothes, computers, household goods, and household items

STEP UP ON SECOND

1328 Second Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 310.394.6889

stepuponsecond.org

MISSION: To support individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in developing opportunities to reintegrate into the community.

VOLUNTEER: Facilitating socialization, support and educational groups, admin support, fundraising and special events, community education, public relations, food donation and preparation, carpentry, maintenance and repairs

DONATE: Money

ST. JOSEPH CENTER

204 Hampton Drive Venice, CA 90291 310.396.6468

stjosephctr.org

MISSION: To provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community.

VOLUNTEER: Service delivery, administration, and fundraising

DONATE: Money, food, school supplies, diapers, and art supplies

UPWARD BOUND HOUSE

1104 Washington Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90403 310.458.7779

upwardboundhouse.org

MISSION: To provide homeless families with housing and supportive services to suit their specific needs, including housing stability, healthy relationships, and emotional and financial well-being.

VOLUNTEER: Prepare care kits, assist at events such as Kids’ Night (arts & crafts, yoga, games and movie nights), Farm with Us, Life Skills Workshop and Home Run For Kids

DONATE: Money, clothes, food, bedding, etc.

VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING

720 Rose Avenue Venice, CA 90291 310.399.4100

vchcorp.org

MISSION: To eliminate barriers preventing low-income people from being successful, contributing citizens by reducing the number of homeless people on the street, investing in housing, training young people to be self-reliant, and building strategic partnerships.

VOLUNTEER: Tutor, mentor, host a drive (food, hygiene, and clothing), maintenance (landscaping, gardening, and painting), administration

DONATE: Money, food, kitchenware and small appliances, toiletries, diapers and baby wipes, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, sheets, blankets and towels, clothing, shoes

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC

604 Rose Avenue Venice, CA 90291 310.392.8630

venicefamilyclinic.org

MISSION: To provide quality primary health care to people in need.

VOLUNTEER: Administration, fundraising, medical, and social services

DONATE: Money, wheelchairs, canes, children’s books

WEST COAST CARE

1223 Wilshire Boulevard., #865 Santa Monica, CA 90403 310.351.2565

westcoastcare.org

MISSION: To lead the way in reducing homelessness, reconnect people with their families, and improve the quality of life for the whole community.

VOLUNTEER: Coordinate hygiene kits and tap cards

DONATE: Money

WESTSIDE COALITION

P.O. Box 7411
 Santa Monica, CA 90406
 310.314. 0071
westsideshelter.org

MISSION: To working collaboratively on issues of housing, hunger and health through service coordination, public education and advocacy.

VOLUNTEER: Contact the organization

DONATE: Money

WESTSIDE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

1711 Ocean Park Boulevard
 Santa Monica, CA 90405
 310.450.4773
wfhcenter.org

MISSION: To provide comprehensive, high quality, cost-effective health care in an educational

and supportive environment that empowers patients to take an assertive role in caring for their well-being through all stages of life.

VOLUNTEER: Administration, outreach, photography, translation, videography, nurse practitioners, physicians/specialists, registered dieticians, registered nurses

DONATE: Money

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK

1710 22nd Street
 Santa Monica, CA 90404
 310.828.6016
westsidefoodbankca.org

MISSION: To provide food to social service agencies on the Westside of Los Angeles County, often enabling low-income people to stay in their homes and deterring the problem of homelessness.

VOLUNTEER: Food sorting, office administration, holiday events

DONATE: Money, food

WISE & HEALTHY AGING

1527 4th Street, 2nd Floor
 Santa Monica, CA 90401
 310.394.9871

wiseandhealthyaging.org

MISSION: To advance the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and high-quality, innovative services.

VOLUNTEER: Administration, one-on-one interaction, tax return preparation, meal serving

DONATE: Money, vehicles, stocks, bonds and real estate

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2018 EVENTS



The City of Santa Monica offers more than a hundred events each month. Check out the whole list at santamonica.gov/events and subscribe to the City's newsletter at smgov.net/newsletter.

November Events

Winter Registration for Residents for Winter Classes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, ONLINE, 6 A.M.

Register for winter camps and classes offered by the City of Santa Monica.

santamonica.gov/recscape

Coffee & Conversation @ Main St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AT MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN, 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Meet up with garden enthusiasts and take a peek at what's growing at the Main St. Community Garden in this local monthly gathering. smgov.net/communitygardens

Poetry & Imagination with Dinah Culminating Reading

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, AT CAMERA OBSCURA, 2 P.M. - 3 P.M.

The members of Dinah Berland's Poetry & Imagination class read from work created during the six-session

series. Attendees will get a prompt to work on during the event, so come to both listen and write!

smgov.net/camera

Ishihara Open Visit Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AT ISHIHARA PARK LEARNING GARDEN, 9:30 A.M. - 11 A.M.

See what's been growing, talk to community gardeners about gardening tips and spend the day in Santa Monica's newest park.

smgov.net/communitygardens

Aparna Sindhoor & Lisa Diane Wedgeworth; New Work

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AT CAMERA OBSCURA, 3 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Join us for the culminating exhibition of studio residents Aparna Sindhoor and Lisa Diane Wedgeworth, showing new interdisciplinary and performance works.

smgov.net/camera

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Cross-disciplinarity with Catherine Coan and Friends

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT ANNENBERG BEACH HOUSE, 6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Writer-in-Residence Catherine Coan's moderates a conversation with artists working between worlds: Leslie Brown, oil painter, printmaker and poet; Mathieu Callier, children's book writer/illustrator; Cindy Rinne, sculptor and poet; Sheree Winslow, author of memoir and flash fiction. annenbergbeachhouse.com

December Events

Repair Café

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, CAMERA OBSCURA, 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

The Westside Repair Café returns to the Camera to connect those with broken household items with volunteers that demonstrate how to fix them - diverting goods from the landfill and increasing community skills. smgov.net/camera

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Tree of Life/Holiday Open House

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY, MAUSOLEUM & MORTUARY (FD #2101), 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Ring in the holiday season at Woodlawn Cemetery by decorating our 11-foot Tree of Life, located in the Mausoleum lobby, with ornaments provided by the Cemetery that can be personalized in memory of loved ones. This annual event also features

live musical performances, photos with Santa and light refreshments. It also kicks off our annual drive for the Toys for Tots Foundation, so bring your toy donations! This event is free of charge. smgov.net/cemetery

Breakfast in the Garden @ Main St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN, 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Meet up with garden enthusiasts and take a peek at what's growing at the Main St. Community Garden in this local monthly gathering. smgov.net/communitygardens

Make A Camera Obscura with Echo Park Film Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, AT CAMERA OBSCURA, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Take home your own unique little box of wonder after this hands-on workshop utilizing a few simple components and an ancient discovery. smgov.net/camera

Montana Avenue Holiday Walk

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Snowy Plover Beach Walk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 8:30 A.M. - 10 A.M.

Connect with your inner naturalist on a free guided walk with the Audubon

Society. Explore the habitat and life cycle of the small, white snowy plovers that make this stretch of beach their winter home. Binoculars provided or bring your own! annenbergbeachhouse.com

Holiday Tree Recycling

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, ALLEYS & CURBSIDE, 7 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Do your part to help the environment by recycling your holiday tree at the end of the season. Remove all lights, ornaments and stands, and place your tree in either the alley behind your home or curbside by your home on your refuse collection day. Resource Recovery and Recycling staff will pick up your tree free of charge. Please DO NOT place your tree in any parks. There are no drop-off collection points at any City parks. smgov.net/r3events

2nd Annual Polar Bear Swim

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Take the Polar Bear Plunge in the great Pacific Ocean, then warm up with a swim in the heated Beach House Pool, with games and hot drinks. annenbergbeachhouse.com

City Council Meetings

The Santa Monica City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming Council meetings:

**NOVEMBER 13 AND 27
DECEMBER 11 AND 18**

Meeting dates occasionally change. Visit smgov.net/council to confirm schedule and smgov.net/council/agendas to view agenda items. Meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16, and streamed at YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica. Meetings air on 89.9 KCRW, 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, CA 90401
Phone: 310.458.8201 | Fax: 310.458.1621
Email all Council members: council@smgov.net

Public Meetings

For updates on regular meetings, go to smgov.net/clerk or call 310.458.8411.

Disabilities Commission

NOVEMBER 5 AND DECEMBER 3, 6:30 P.M.
AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Architectural Review Board

NOVEMBER 7, 21 AND DECEMBER 5, 19, 7
P.M. AT CITY HALL

Planning Commission

NOVEMBER 7, 21 AND DECEMBER 5, 19, 7
P.M. AT CITY HALL

Santa Monica Library Board

NOVEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 13, 6:30 P.M.
AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Landmarks Commission

NOVEMBER 12 AND DECEMBER 10, 7 P.M.
AT CITY HALL

Commission on the Status of Women

NOVEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 12, 7 P.M.
AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Recreation and Parks Commission

NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 20, 7 P.M.
AT MAIN LIBRARY

Housing Commission

NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 20, 4:30
P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Commission for the Senior Community

NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 20, AT KEN
EDWARDS CENTER

Arts Commission

NOVEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 19, 6:30
P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Personnel Board

NOVEMBER 22 AND DECEMBER 27, 4:30
P.M. AT PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Airport Commission Meeting

NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 24, 7 P.M.
AT CITY HALL

Social Services Commission

NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 31, 7 P.M.
AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission

AS REQUESTED BY CHAIR OR APPLICANT
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

