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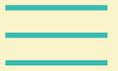
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# "WE ARE SANTA MONICA" INVITES PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED AND CREATE A STRONGER COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE

**S**anta Monica is a community that cares for everyone. We not only have amazing programs, support services, and non-profit organizations, but we are a community full of extraordinary people.

We are:

- A property owner who makes sure homes are affordable.
- A non-profit worker who connects families to affordable childcare.
- A librarian who gets our children ready for school.
- A retired veteran who brings meals to housebound neighbors.

- A mom who greets every individual at a homeless shelter like they are her own family.

There are countless individuals who are working humbly behind the scenes and out in our community to help everyone learn and thrive, maintain an inclusive and diverse community, and address homelessness. These people are our neighbors, our colleagues, and our families and friends. These standout people represent the best in all of us and will be featured over the next few months beginning with Ingha and Mallnese.

To find out more about the initiative and how we are looking out for everyone in our community, visit [weare.santamonica.gov](http://weare.santamonica.gov).

## Save the Date and COAST With Us

### WHAT

COAST is the City's annual open streets event celebrating community, art and sustainability. Two miles of city streets will be closed to cars and open for people to stroll, bike and roll.

### WHEN

Sunday, October 7, 2018, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

### WHERE

Ocean Ave. from Wilshire to Colorado, Colorado from 5th St. to and including the Pier, and Main St. from Colorado to Marine.

### ADMISSION

It's free! Come join us!

### INFO

[santamonica.gov/coast](http://santamonica.gov/coast).



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST SIX MONTHS AND WHAT LIES AHEAD



## A Letter from Mayor Ted Winterer

**S**ummer is officially here and I am sure you've noticed the seasonal changes that take shape in our community as we all enjoy the quintessential California lifestyle on our beaches and in our parks and business districts. As I head off for some fishing, camping, and hiking, I want to share my thoughts on the last six months of the 2017-18 fiscal year as well as what lies ahead.

**HOMELESSNESS HAS WEIGHED HEAVILY ON THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.** There's a long way to go as a region, but we are seeing the impact of local and regional investments with a dip in the county numbers, down 3% this year. Santa Monica has invested local resources on new street teams and in our library and parks.

**HIRING A NEW POLICE CHIEF WHO'S TOUGH ON CRIME.** Chief Cynthia Renaud comes to Santa Monica with a focus on fighting crime and positively contributing to homelessness. Her SMPD team is already more visible in the community deploying "Optimus Crime."

**MOVING QUICKLY ON A CHANGING SHARED MOBILITY LANDSCAPE.** We have been working to find a reasonable approach that aligns with our values around mobility and sustainability balanced by public safety, our number one priority. We don't yet have a silver bullet, however, applications for our pilot program for scooters and dockless bikes opened July 13.

**TAKING A HARD LOOK AT CITY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND IMPLEMENTING SMART SOLUTIONS.** A citizen panel looked critically at employee compensation guided by research from Moss Adams. In May, Council approved 13 recommendations. In recent years, we have negotiated modest cost-of-living adjustments for staff below the rate of inflation while increasing employee contributions to health care and retirement.

**GOING BEYOND TRADITIONAL APPROACHES TO HELPING THE VULNERABLE.** This past year we launched the Preserving Our Diversity program to assist rent-burdened seniors with rental subsidies so they can stay housed and not make impossible tradeoffs between healthcare and food and paying rent.

**WHAT HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A LARGE FOCUS AHEAD IS OUR PENSION LIABILITY.** Santa Monica is the only city in California, along with Newport Beach, that has paid significant contributions above the required annual payments to decrease our unfunded liability. We will continue to do this and look to new ways to tackle this potential impediment to fiscal sustainability.

Looking ahead, fighting crime and proactive community policing strategies will continue to remain priorities. Our regional collaboration to continue to turn the tide on homelessness will only gain further momentum, and major infrastructure projects to maintain exceptional City services will be completed in the next two years.

I would enjoy the opportunity to hear from you. Please get in touch at [ted.winterer@smgov.net](mailto:ted.winterer@smgov.net). I wish you a summer filled with beach days, BBQs and quality time with friends and family. It's a pleasure and honor to serve as your mayor.



# MEET INGHA

## The Whimsical Youth Services Librarian at the Montana Avenue Branch of Santa Monica Public Library

**T**wice a week, you can find her at “Storytime” surrounded by the smallest members of the community. Encircled by tiny Santa Monicans, she sings, dances, and reads stories out loud — usually whatever’s newest to the library’s collection — and contributing to a top priority for our city to make sure all kids are ready for school.

### A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY THAT TURNED INTO A CAREER

Growing up in a big family with lots of cousins, working with kids is a natural fit for Ingha. After graduating from UCLA, it wasn’t long until she started volunteering at the Ocean Park Library branch, where she connected with the children’s librarian. It was there that she saw a window of opportunity — perhaps she could make a life among books and children, combining her love for reading with her passion for people. With a little determination, Ingha returned to UCLA and graduated with a Master’s in Library Information Science.

Today, with her expertise in childhood literacy, she helps show kids at the Montana Avenue Branch Library just how much fun reading can be.

### GETTING KIDS STARTED ON THE RIGHT FOOT

As a mother to two young children, Ingha is conscious of the effort it’ll take to make sure they’re kindergarten-ready. And she also knows there are opportunities for growth and development at every turn. Constant interaction stimulates a child’s mind, so narrating simple tasks throughout the day can be an education.

“Pointing things out when you’re driving,” Ingha says, “Hey, it’s a green light! That means go.”

Resources and events at the library are invaluable too. In fact, Ingha says one of the most gratifying parts of her job is seeing quiet children evolve emotionally, coming out of their shells after weekly visits to story time.

### THE LIBRARY: A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

To get your child started, Ingha recommends these free Santa Monica Library resources:

- **Storytime:** This is an interactive time when librarians like Ingha read to young children. There’s also dancing and singing involved! Come 15 minutes ahead of showtime to get tickets. New families welcome! We love to fill the room!



**Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.:**

for babies up to age 18 months.

**Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.:**

toddlers aged 18 months to 35 months.

- **Reading To Go program:**

Reading-2-Go is an early literacy program, for children ages 1 - 4, who are Santa Monica residents and not currently enrolled in a preschool or daycare. The program is approximately a 3-month commitment. Participants receive a bi-monthly rotation of themed kits that include books, toys, and music. Kits are available in English, Spanish, and Amharic. Additionally, the program offers one-on-one librarian contact and early literacy text tips. Upon program completion, participants are gifted a set of books to build a “home library.”

- **Summer Reading Program:** This program provides reading incentives for children from birth to 5th grade. Your kids can check out books throughout the summer and pick up prizes for every 5, 10, and 15 hours that they read. The program spans three age groups: “Baby & Me” for infants up to 18 months, “Read-To-Me” for 2 to 5-year olds, and the “Independent Reader Club” for kindergarten through 5th grade.

- **Building Blocks For Kindergarten:** Get a copy of “Building Blocks For Kindergarten.” This toolkit provides guidelines to help get your child kindergarten-ready, which means developing things like their social, emotional, and motor skills.

### LIFELONG LEARNING BEGINS EARLY ON

Making sure kids are ready for school is a top priority for our City. The “Building Blocks For Kindergarten” toolkit can help walk you through developing four skill areas that will give your child the best start possible. These skills include:

- Social and emotional development
- Self-care, physical development, and motor skills
- Language
- Early academics

Be sure to stay in touch for more early childhood resources at [weare.santamonica.gov](http://weare.santamonica.gov).

# THE POWER OF SEEING AND LISTENING TO PEOPLE

**M**allnese knows the power of seeing and listening to people. She has been walking around with open ears and eyes for a long time.

It began when she was a child growing up in Pasadena, where she walked down sidewalks and was confronted with the reality of homelessness for the first time. It left a strong impression on her young mind, one that lingered until she grew up and made the decision to pursue a career in social services.

Today, that capacity to see people and listen to their needs serves her well in her position as Community Care Coordinator at Providence St. John's Health Care Center.

## HOMELESSNESS IN THE E.R.

There was a recurring problem in the Emergency Room at St. John's. Individuals experiencing homelessness were coming into the E.R. on a regular basis, oftentimes without any medical need. Some of them came in for resources like food and clothing, others just to get off the streets for a few hours. The time and attention it was taking to address the needs of these homeless individuals was stretching resources thin — resources that needed to be devoted to medical emergencies like strokes and heart attacks.

This wasn't the only problem. Repeat visits from homeless individuals also meant that the homeless population ultimately wasn't getting connected to the services they needed. They were simply putting a band-aid on their needs with the resources they could get in the E.R.

That's where Mallnese came in. St. John's created a Community Care Coordinator role has contributed to a significant reduction in non-emergency E.R. visits. In this role, Mallnese meets with homeless individuals and consults with them. Who are they? Where did they sleep last night? What are their needs? She then works to connect them to local social service agencies and housing resources in Santa Monica like The People Concern, Step Up on 2nd, and the CLARE Foundation.

And every time — before she steps into the room to consult with someone — she reminds herself of several things. First and foremost, she reminds herself to listen — really listen. She then reminds herself to be humble, to be compassionate, and finally — to offer hope.

## OPENING OUR EYES

Mallnese would like to encourage the community to open their eyes and ears as well. She says simply being aware of the person sleeping in the park or in front of the corner store is the first step. The second step is being aware of the resources they can connect them to — services like The People Concern, Step Up on 2nd, and The CLARE Foundation. Many agencies across Santa Monica and on the westside are working collaboratively to help address homelessness from all angles.

For a full guide to available resources like the ones Mallnese is referring to, download the Santa Monica Homelessness Toolkit. It's a practical guide for community members on what to say and what to do so they can direct others — or themselves — to services helping to solve the homeless epidemic. A new resource highlighting homelessness volunteer and donation opportunities is also available.

And be sure to keep up with what the community is doing in regards to homelessness at [weare.santamonica.gov](http://weare.santamonica.gov).



# HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA MONICA: AN UPDATE

**H**ere in Santa Monica, we saw a 4% increase in homelessness in 2018, which shows a significant decline in growth from last year's 26% increase. We are confident that we will continue to see a difference, especially with the launching of the Council's approval of a one-time investment of \$1.4M.

experiencing homelessness. This five-member team includes a nurse, licensed clinician, substance abuse specialist, housing navigator, and person with lived experience. While our Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team is people-focused and case-manages our top 25 most vulnerable residents, this new team is geographic-focused. It serves

which includes the allocation of \$700 million in state general fund spending to local governments as emergency aid for homelessness housing and services. Approximately \$81 million will be allocated to the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, to which Santa Monica belongs.

## The Big Picture

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) revealed its 2018 Homeless Count Results in early June. For the first time in four years, homelessness countywide has decreased. The County experienced a 3% drop and L.A. City saw a 5% decrease. These results reveal that targeted investment and a coordinated regional strategy are impactful and make a difference!

In the first 6 months (July - December 2017) Measure H delivered these results:

- Interim Housing: 12,248 people were sheltered / served in interim housing
- Permanent Housing: 8,220 people were permanently housed
- Homelessness Prevention: 5,870 people in families were prevented from becoming homeless

**Measure H Goal: House 45,000 people in 5 years (all populations)**

For more information, visit [homeless.lacounty.gov/impact-dashboard](http://homeless.lacounty.gov/impact-dashboard).

- Downtown Santa Monica Town Hall on Homelessness, June 5, 2018
- SMPD and West Coast Care Partner to Help Homelessness
- Santa Monica Public Library Homeless Outreach

## Who is experiencing homelessness?

### Health Conditions (LA County)



### Domestic Violence (LA CoC\*)

**6%** of people report experiencing homelessness because they are fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence

**Age (LA CoC\*)**  
**22%** increase in people aged 62 and older. There was a decrease in all other age groups.

\* LA CoC excludes Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach CoCs.

### Gender (LA County)



the Downtown community and Reed Park five days a week, engaging persons experiencing homelessness and connecting them to social and housing services.

## Building Regional Capacity

Santa Monica cannot solve homelessness alone. We must act with

our regional cities such as Culver City, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Malibu, and Los Angeles around a coordinated strategy. This is why the City supports Mayor Eric Garcetti's "A Bridge Home Program" to help move an additional 1,800 people off the streets into interim housing and on a pathway to permanent housing, relieving pressure on surrounding cities such as Santa Monica. The City also supports the County's "Everyone In" campaign, asking neighbors to say yes to housing and services in their communities. In addition, the City strongly advocated for its state delegation to support Governor Brown's budget proposal,

Alisa Orduña, the Senior Advisor on Homelessness, is focusing the City's efforts on three priority areas for collective impact:

## Preventing Housed Seniors From Falling Into Homelessness

Countywide, the number of persons experiencing homelessness aged 62 and older increased by 22% in 2018. This is why the Housing Department's Preserving Our Diversity (POD) program is so critical. This program provides supplemental funding so housed seniors do not have to make life-threatening choices between rent and food or healthcare. Seniors not enrolled in the POD pilot can access eviction prevention programs sponsored by the County and funded through Measure H, by calling The People Concern at 213.488.9559 or St. Joseph's Center at 310.399.6878.

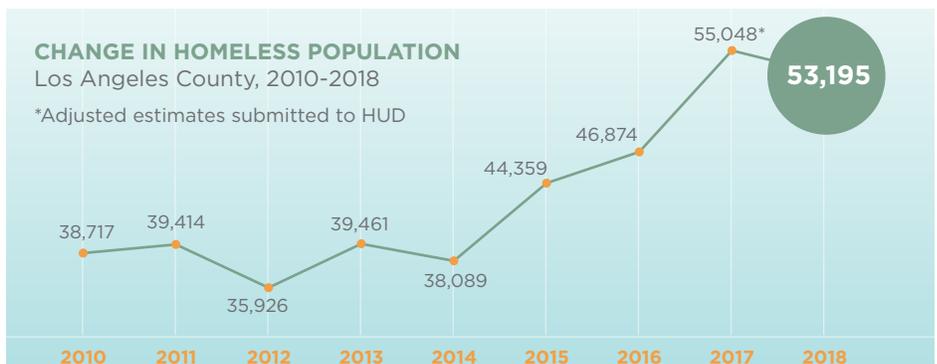
## Coordinating Care For Unsheltered Residents Living With Mental Illness And Substance Abuse

The new City-funded multidisciplinary team launched in March and has engaged over 500 persons

## CHANGE IN HOMELESS POPULATION

Los Angeles County, 2010-2018

\*Adjusted estimates submitted to HUD



# Lifelong Learning

## Toddler Transition (5 and Under)

Santa Monica Community Recreation offers classes for toddlers and their parents/caregivers through social, interactive and creative play in a safe and caring environment. Look for Toddler Transition offerings on RecScape. [santamonica.gov/recscape](http://santamonica.gov/recscape)

### CHILDREN

## reDiscover Recycling Artwork at Title One Elementary Schools (K-5)

The reDiscover Center in Culver City is where you can find everything from mylar ribbons to dowels to belt buckles at minimal cost to incorporate them into programs that empower kids' imaginations. [smgov.net/Departments/OSE](http://smgov.net/Departments/OSE)

## CREST After School Programs (K-8)

CREST provides homework assistance, enrichment classes, organized games and local trips, from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. [smgov.net/crest](http://smgov.net/crest)

## Virginia Avenue Park's Afterschool X-Press (Grades 1-5)

Offers an array of free educational support, enriching cultural arts activities, and health and recreational programs for children in grades 1-5. [smgov.net/vapark](http://smgov.net/vapark)

## Rosie's Girls (Grades 6-8)

This camp for middle school girls builds self-esteem, leadership and physical confidence through exploration of the trades and other non-traditional activities. Participants go behind the scenes in various parts of the City to see what it takes to make Santa Monica run. [smgov.net/rosiesgirls](http://smgov.net/rosiesgirls)



The City of Santa Monica believes that learning never ends. So, we provide learning opportunities for our community, at every stage in life. For toddlers to high school students, programs are available to help our youth thrive. For teens and adults, programs offer recreational classes as well as career guidance. Programs for seniors and those of all ages help keep our entire community engaged and vibrant. Here's a sampling of programs offered right here in Santa Monica. **Come learn and grow!**

### TEENS

## SAT/ACT Prep Classes and Practice Tests with Santa Monica Police Activities League (Teens)

PAL offers SAT and ACT prep classes for juniors and seniors ages 15-17 for approximately six months out of the year. PAL works with excellent providers like Bright Minds Tutoring, Inc. to provide the highest-quality prep courses and practice exams for students. [smpal.org](http://smpal.org)

## Financial, Essay and Scholarship Workshops with Santa Monica Police Activities League (Grades 6-12)

PAL offers workshops throughout the year for middle and high-school students related to financial aid, college applications and scholarship applications. [smpal.org](http://smpal.org)

## PAL Homework Assistance (Grades 1-12)

Provides 6 - 17-year-old youths with free homework completion support. Assistance is offered Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. [smpal.org](http://smpal.org)

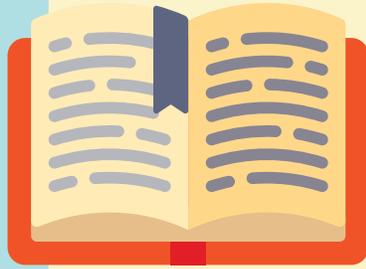
## Annual Santa Monica Student Poster Contest (K-12)

Each year has a new theme culminating in an event for winners at the Annenberg Community Beach House. [sustainableworks.org/events](http://sustainableworks.org/events)



## Teens Make an Impact at the Library (Teens)

High school students are eligible for the Santa Monica Public Library's Tech Teen volunteer and leadership program. Trained to combine emerging tech skills with quality customer service, they assist at library tech events including 3D printing programs, family robot programs, and computer skills workshops for senior citizens. Information session: Wednesday, August 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library in the Multipurpose Room. [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)



## Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center (Teens)

Academic Assistance Students are provided with academic support, tutors and computer access in an environment conducive to academic success. [smgov.net/vapark](http://smgov.net/vapark)



## Fall Community Recreation (Adults)

Santa Monica Community Recreation offers classes in beach volleyball, dance, fitness, paddleboard, Spanish, beginner swimming, tennis and yoga throughout the season. Adults can also join soccer teams. [santamonica.gov/recscape](http://santamonica.gov/recscape)

TEENS

## Sustainable Works Documentary Movie Screenings at the Aero and Student Programs at SMC (Teens/Adults)

Sustainable Works promotes sustainable living strategies for the daily activities of individuals, institutions and businesses by providing hands-on, interactive, educational experiences for all ages. [sustainableworks.org/events/film-screenings](http://sustainableworks.org/events/film-screenings)

TEENS/  
ADULTS

## Crafts (Adults)

Camera Obscura Art Lab is a hive of activity, where adults of all ages can roll up their sleeves and dive into hands-on crafts, art, and cultural programs. Offerings this August include watercolor painting, bookmaking, a sewing and craft lounge, poetry, and expressive body movement classes. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Career Online High School (Teens/Adults)

Santa Monica Public Library is offering qualified community members age 19 and up the opportunity for a scholarship to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through Career Online High School, designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. Those interested can learn more about Career Online High School at [smpl.org/cohs.aspx](http://smpl.org/cohs.aspx) or by calling 310.458.8308.

## Career Online High School (Adults)

Career Online High School is specifically designed to re-engage adults 19 and up into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. Learn more at [smpl.org/cohs.aspx](http://smpl.org/cohs.aspx) or by calling 310.458.8308.

ADULTS



**The WISE & Healthy Aging's Club 1527 (Seniors)**

WISE & Healthy Aging advances the dignity and quality of life for adults 50+. Its membership program, called Club 1527, offers a variety of exercise classes, games, creative arts classes, personal growth and development programming, as well as excursion opportunities. [wiseandhealthyaging.org](http://wiseandhealthyaging.org)



**Green Prize for Sustainable Literature (All Ages)**

Sponsored by the Library and the City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment, the Green Prize was established to encourage books promoting sustainability. [smpl.org/Green\\_Prize.aspx](http://smpl.org/Green_Prize.aspx)



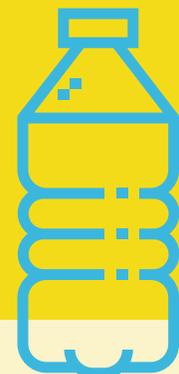
**Marine Education/Beach Cleanup Education with Heal the Bay (All Ages)**

The City of Santa Monica and Heal the Bay join forces at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Santa Monica's commitment includes sponsoring Aquarium field trips and Coast Clean-up Day activities. [healthebay.org/aquarium](http://healthebay.org/aquarium), [smgov.net/Departments/OSE](http://smgov.net/Departments/OSE)



**Recycling Center Tours (All Ages)**

The City of Santa Monica offers a free Recycling Center Tour program for all public/private schools and community groups within city limits. [smgov.net/Departments/OSE](http://smgov.net/Departments/OSE)



# EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

## Trades Intern Program

**D**id you know that you can get paid to learn a trade with the City of Santa Monica? In addition to earning \$16.14 per hour, trades interns have the unique opportunity to work alongside Public Works employees who teach them to master a skill of their choice in preparation for future employment.

### AREAS OF SKILL INCLUDE:

Painting	Street Maintenance
Electrical	HVAC
Fleet Maintenance	Irrigation
Plumbing	Landscaping
Carpentry	Welding

The Trade Intern Program is brought to you by the Public Works and Community and Cultural Services departments. After completing the program, many talented interns have been employed by the Santa Monica Public Works Department, including in the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning shop, the Street and Fleet Services Division, Beach Maintenance shop, and Resource Recovery and Recycling Division. Others have gone on to work at Santa Monica College, as well as other municipalities.

To qualify for the program, prospective interns must attend a public meeting during the recruitment period for the program, and must meet the following criteria:

**Residency:** Must be a Santa Monica resident and/or attend school in Santa Monica

**Legal Residency:** Must show proof of eligibility to work in the United States

**Age:** Must be between 18 and 30 years old by the application filing closing date

**Drivers:** Must have a valid California Driver's License

**Education:** Must be enrolled in school, either in a GED program, adult education, vocational school, high school, or college during the course of employment.

For more information, contact Community Services Program Coordinator Michael Jackson at [Michael.Jackson@smgov.net](mailto:Michael.Jackson@smgov.net) or 310.458.8688 ext. 2022.



# ADULT LITERACY TUTORS AT THE LIBRARY

**P**art of the Library's LEAF (Literacy Education for Adults & Families) initiative, the Adult Literacy Tutoring program offers free one-on-one tutoring for adult learners. Volunteer literacy coaches are matched with adult learners for personalized tutoring sessions at Santa Monica Public Library locations. The Library's adult literacy program focuses on adult learners meeting their personal reading and writing goals, such as completing a job application, reading to their children or grandchildren, learning to use email, writing checks and paying bills, or obtaining a driver's license. Volunteer literacy coach and adult learner pairs meet regularly at Santa Monica Public Library locations, which provide spaces conducive to learning, as well as computers and literacy materials. Adult learners receive free and confidential assistance to learn at their own pace. They set personal reading and writing goals and receive one-on-one support from a literacy coach, at least once per week, at their convenience.

If you or someone you know needs help with reading or writing, stop by any Library location, visit [smpl.org](http://smpl.org), or call 310.458.2791 to learn more about the program.



# TWILIGHT ON THE PIER



**N**ew name, new season, new vision. Introducing Twilight on the Pier! The outdoor music festival that’s almost as iconic as the Pier itself is back for the 34th consecutive year! The series will spotlight the best and brightest SoCal has to offer, plus unique artists from around the world. It’s truly a “Local Meets Global” event.

The premier concert series will have a one-of-a-kind festival vibe every week, complete with immersive art, food offerings, a wine and beer garden, games and interactive activations throughout the Pier deck and promenade. Join us every Wednesday from September 5 – October 3, with the finale on Sunday October 7. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 4:30 pm on Finale Sunday.

For the fall schedule visit [santamonicapier.org/events](http://santamonicapier.org/events).

# PALISADES PARK GETS PALM TREE MAKEOVER



**O**pening in 1892 and spanning 26 acres, Palisades Park is Santa Monica’s oldest and largest park. It contains more than 1,200 trees, nearly half of which are palm trees.

A key characteristic of the park is the colonnades, or rows, of palms, which are composed primarily of Mexican fan palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) and Canary Island date palms (*Phoenix canariensis*). Unfortunately, some of these palms have succumbed to a fungal disease over the last 10 years and have been removed. To address this depletion, the Public Landscape Division of the City’s Public Works Department oversaw the springtime planting of 56 palms of the following three species resistant to the fungal disease: Mexican fan palm hybrid (*Washingtonia robusta* x *Washingtonia filifera*), date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*), and the California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*). Adding these new, young trees in with the older trees provides species and age diversity, which adds to the sustainability of the park. Over the next few decades, these palms may reach up to 60 feet.

The Public Landscape Division maintains and enhances the City’s parks, landscapes, urban forest, downtown and Santa Monica State Beach. To receive a brief monthly e-newsletter featuring improvements to these areas, please sign up at [public.landscape@smgov.net](mailto:public.landscape@smgov.net) or [smgov.net/landscape](http://smgov.net/landscape), where you can also find newsletter archives and learn more about this team’s work.

## JAZZ ON THE LAWN

**T**he Jazz on the Lawn summer concert series returns Sundays in August from 5 - 7 p.m. All are invited to grab friends, family and dancing shoes for free music, fun games and tasty food trucks in Gandara Park. This year’s lineup features a sampling of genres curated through a jazz lens and includes the Nick Mancini Collective, Scambooty, Twanguero and Orquesta Tabaco y Ron.

For more information call 310.458.8350 or visit [smgov.net/jazz](http://smgov.net/jazz).



# IT'S EASY (AND DELICIOUS) TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS



**J**oin us at all four Santa Monica Farmers Markets during the week of August 5-11 and support your favorite local farmers. To help bring awareness, visit the tattoo and photo booth, don your tattoo and take a photo in our "I ♥ Farmers Markets" frame! Then post your photo on Instagram, and tag #smfms and #lovemymarket for a chance to win fun prizes from the Farmers Market Coalition. For additional information, please reach out to Jodi Low with the City of Santa Monica at [jodi.low@smgov.net](mailto:jodi.low@smgov.net). There's so much you can make with the fresh food at the Farmers Markets.

When we made this delicious recipe, we purchased the following ingredients at the Wednesday Downtown Farmers Market on 2nd & Arizona:

- Baguette: *Roan Mills*
- Basil: *Kenter Canyon Farms*
- Tomatoes: *Munak Farms*
- Avocado: *Schaner Farms*
- Peaches: *Tenerelli Farms*

## California Summer Bruschetta

Makes about 12 pieces

*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](http://cravingnature.com).*

### INGREDIENTS

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| 1/2 baguette, sliced into 1-1/2" thick slices   | 4 large basil leaves, finely chopped |
| 1 tbsp. olive oil                               | 1 tbsp. olive oil                    |
| 1 clove garlic, minced                          | 1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar             |
| 3 heirloom or vine tomatoes, seeded and chopped | 1 avocado                            |
| 2 peaches, chopped                              | Salt and pepper to taste             |

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven on broiler setting.
2. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and place baguette slices on top.
3. In a bowl, combine olive oil and minced garlic. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
4. Brush the baguette slices with olive oil and garlic mixture. Place in oven for 2 minutes. Remove when golden brown.
5. In a medium bowl combine tomatoes, peaches, basil leaves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Add in any remaining olive oil and garlic from what you brushed onto baguette. Combine and season with salt and pepper.
6. In a medium bowl, mash avocado.
7. Spread mashed avocado mixture onto each slice of toast, then generously spoon tomato and peach mixture on top. Garnish with basil and serve immediately.



## 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.



# AUGUST 2018 EVENTS



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

## The French Connection: Cercle Français

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 AT MAIN LIBRARY, COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 2:00 P.M.**

Join us at the fourth and closing meeting of the French Club and parlons français. Ideal for anyone learning French or who wants to learn French, as well as French expats who would like to get together in a casual setting. [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

## Jazz on the Lawn

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, AUGUST 12, AUGUST 19, AUGUST 26 AT GANDARA PARK, 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

Grab friends, family and dancing shoes for free concerts in the park. A sampling of musical genres, free dance lessons, intermission performances, and some of the area's finest food trucks will be presented in Gandara Park. [smgov.net/jazz](http://smgov.net/jazz)

## SMPL at the Beach

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 AT DOROTHY GREEN PARK, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

Come out for a day of family friendly activities like Seaside Storytime and Nautical Crafts, sign out books from our curated collection of beach reads, enjoy games like bocce and ladder toss, or kick back, relax and read in the shade of our Surfside Lounge. [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

## Sunset Swim

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

Adults can feel like kids again. Enjoy s'mores, frozen fruit bars, and big pool floaties as the sun sets at this 18+ event. [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com)

## Breakfast in the Garden @ Main Street

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 AT MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 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](http://smgov.net/communitygardens)

## Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion and Monthly Craft Lounge

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Catch Frau Fiber or her regiment of Faux Fraus leading sewing, altering and repurposing projects each month. Sewing machines and sewing tips included in this monthly no-host gathering of all types of crafting. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Family Splash Day

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 AT SANTA MONICA SWIM CENTER, 1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

Enjoy fun-filled family activities! Bring a picnic to share with your friends and family or come just for fun. No pre-registration necessary. Same fees and rules for recreational swimming apply. [smgov.net/swim](http://smgov.net/swim)

## Beach=Culture: New Short Fiction Series - LA Vida Loca: Stories of Latinx Life in Los Angeles

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

The New Short Fiction series presents local authors read by local performing artists; in a nod to the photography exhibit currently on view in the Beach House Gallery, the theme is "Latinx life in Los Angeles." [annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture)

## Downbeat 720

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 AND AUGUST 28 AT MILES PLAYHOUSE, 7:20 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

An open-mic performance lab for high school performing artists - all singers, poets, emcees, dancers actors and musicians invited to try new material, gain confidence and perform in front of an audience of peers. [milesplayhouse.org](http://milesplayhouse.org)

## Back to School

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT PAL YOUTH CENTER, 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

The Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) hosts a Back to School day at the PAL youth center for its members that will include school supply giveaways, dental and vision screenings, activities and more. [smpal.org](http://smpal.org)

## Smart Gardening Workshop

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK, 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

An advanced workshop that will teach you about organic gardening, drought-tolerant landscaping and integrated pest management. [smgov.net/r3events](http://smgov.net/r3events)

## Lye Soapmaking with Kim of Chesilhurst Farm

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

Learn how to make soap from scratch! The wonderful, natural soaps you see at specialty stores and farmer's markets are really not that hard to make. We will use natural plant based oils and butter oils to make beautiful, creamy lathering soaps that incorporate essential oils and botanicals that feel good on your skin. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

### Cardboard Yacht Regatta

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Teams of two test the seaworthiness of their homemade cardboard yachts in a race across the Beach House pool. Entrants must register and construct boats prior to the event. Spectators are welcome. [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com)

### Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Community Workshop

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 AT CIVIC AUDITORIUM EAST WING, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

The City of Santa Monica will host a Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update Community Workshop to build on ideas shared during the summer engagement pop-ups and online survey to create a vision for the next 20 years of parks and recreation. Light refreshments will be served. [santamonicaparks.org/samoparksmasterplan](http://santamonicaparks.org/samoparksmasterplan)

### Santa Monica Rep Presents Uncle Vanya

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 AT MLK JR. AUDITORIUM, 2:00 P.M.**

Santa Monica Rep performs Anton Chekhov's dramatic masterpiece Uncle Vanya. No late seating available. [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

### Poetry and the Imagination with Dinah Berland

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

What does it take to write poems with imagination? Dinah Berland leads a monthly workshop series (drop-ins welcome). Participants read a wide variety of poems by outstanding modern and contemporary poets, generate new work in response to prompts, and workshop edited poems, culminating with a public reading on Sunday, November 11, at 2 p.m. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Anecdotes from the Archives

In November 1890, 15 years after Santa Monica officially became a town, our town trustees accepted a donation of 800 books from the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) in Santa Monica. The WCTU had inherited these books from the Library Association, which had formed to purchase books and meet weekly to discuss books and read papers. The Library Association had met in a reading room adjoining a local drugstore. When the WCTU began having difficulty maintaining its own reading room and building, the members decided to donate their books. Within a month of receiving the books, the town trustees appointed Elfie Mosse as City Librarian to run our first public library. It was housed in two designated rooms of the Bank of Santa Monica, which was then located at Oregon Avenue (now Santa Monica Boulevard) and Third Street. The City Librarian was the sole staff person for 14 years! Today our library system includes the Main Library and four branch libraries, holding a collection of nearly 400,000 books, as well as e-Books and other forms of media.

For additional information, please contact the Santa Monica Conservancy at [info@smconservancy.org](mailto:info@smconservancy.org). For information about services and programs of the Santa Monica Public Library, visit us at [smpl.org](http://smpl.org) or call 310.458.8600.



First Santa Monica Public Library at Third Street and Santa Monica Blvd. on the second floor of the Bank of Santa Monica  
Date: 1890

*Photo from the Image Archives of the Santa Monica Public Library*

## 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:

**AUGUST 14**

**AUGUST 28**

Meeting dates occasionally change. Visit [smgov.net/council](http://smgov.net/council) to confirm schedule and [smgov.net/council/agendas](http://smgov.net/council/agendas) to view agenda items.

Meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16, and streamed at [YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica](https://www.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](mailto:council@smgov.net)

## Public Meetings

For updates on regular meetings, go to [smgov.net/clerk](http://smgov.net/clerk) or call 310.458.8411.

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 1 AND 15, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Disabilities Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 6, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Architectural Review Board Meeting**  
AUGUST 6 AND 20, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Commission on the Status of Women Meeting**  
AUGUST 8, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting**  
AUGUST 9, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Landmarks Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 13, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**The Commission for the Senior Community Meeting**  
AUGUST 15, 1:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Housing Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 15, 4:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 16, 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Arts Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 20, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Airport Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 27, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Social Services Commission Meeting**  
AUGUST 27, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER