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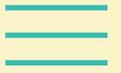
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A LETTER FROM MAYOR TED WINTERER



“We are setting our sights on becoming a carbon neutral community by 2050 or sooner.”

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Three 500-year storms in Houston in three years. Devastating hurricanes in the southeast fueled by warmer ocean temperatures. Here in Southern California, we suffered through the largest wildfire in the state’s history, wrought by a red-flag warning unprecedented in duration. Coral reefs dying off in Australia and water supplies in Capetown about to run out. It’s hard not to believe that our climate is changing. Yet we know there are individuals and institutions who are denying that climate change exists and are putting our lives and prosperity at risk with ill-advised policies. We cannot wait for solutions from those who refuse to recognize the problem.

Santa Monica has long been a leader in sustainability and climate action. We recognize that our impact matters and that we have an obligation to limit planet-warming greenhouse gases. To date, we have been successful in reducing greenhouse gases 20 percent below 1990 levels, a goal the State of California seeks to achieve by 2020.

Back in 2009, the Pentagon identified climate change as the greatest threat to national security in the upcoming decades. Not terrorism, Russian imperialism or Chinese economic hegemony, as the specter of famines, mass migrations and political instability poses the greatest threat to world order. Consequently, the experts commissioned by the Joint Chiefs of Staff identified three ways to mitigate the future impacts of climate change: a transition to renewable energy; replacing modern farming practices with regenerative agriculture; and compact, walkable neighborhoods which reduce vehicle miles traveled.

We clearly don’t have any farms in Santa Monica. However, every time we shop for organic produce at our farmers markets, where CalFresh vouchers are doubled in value, we support sustainable soil management which sequesters carbon. We’ve long incentivized the installation of solar power in homes and businesses and soon, through our participation in the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, every resident and business in town will be able to use electricity with a higher proportion of renewable energy than provided by our local private utility. We have ambitious plans to dramatically increase electric vehicle charging stations to reduce local emissions. And we have completed and are working on a suite of water storage and treatment projects to prepare for the “new normal” of prolonged droughts.

These solutions have been largely non-controversial, but others have stirred the ire of some in our City. The addition of bike lanes to encourage the use of various modes of carbon-free and carbon-light transportation have been resisted by those who dislike their encroachment on the traditional right-of-way for autos. The new bus-only lanes on southern Lincoln Boulevard during rush hours perturbed many, even though no lanes for cars were removed. And the development of new housing downtown, which puts jobs, housing and transit in close proximity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, has been particularly troublesome for many of our residents, who ascribe these changes to dark motives rather than a desire to do our part to address the failing health of our planet.

The fact is: change is hard for many of us to accept. But these changes, happening across our country, are necessary in cities and states throughout the U.S. if we are to do our part to mitigate climate change in the absence of Federal action. So if you see new bus-only lanes or dedicated bike paths or housing near the Expo Line, please remember: these are changes to address climate change.

We are setting our sights on becoming a carbon neutral community by 2050 or sooner. We are among an international coalition of cities, institutions and businesses committed to upholding the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015, which set a goal to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Filling the gap of the nation's refusal to participate in climate action will not be easy. But Santa Monica has shown that we are a community that cares and is committed to doing the right thing. Our forthcoming Climate Action and Adaptation Plan will chart a pathway

to significantly reduce emissions from our buildings, vehicles and waste sources. It will require significant shifts in lifestyle and technologies.

Ultimately, it will be individual decisions and actions that you make every day that will matter. Whether it's the trip to the store or the lights in the home, your actions to go green will contribute to our collective impact.

I invite you to join us at our forthcoming Climate Fest on May 19. It will be an empowering day with engaging speakers, community discussions and activities geared to give you resources to be a local climate hero. I'll be leading a bike ride to the event and hope you can join me. For these details visit the events section of the City's Facebook page @CityofSantaMonica.

Ted Winterer, City of Santa Monica Mayor @SaMoMayor on Twitter

CLIMATE CORPS, THE NEXT GENERATION IN ACTION

“ Thank you for riding your bike to the Farmers Market. Do you know how big a climate action you just made?” This is a typical greeting from a Climate Corps volunteer and a common point of discussion with the young Corps leaders. The answer to the volunteer's question is that riding your bike reduces carbon emissions by as much as 80% over driving a car.

Climate actions like riding your bike and improving the energy performance of your home can be encouraged by a friendly neighbor, particularly by a young neighbor. Thus the Climate Corps was created in 2016 as a pilot. Climate Action Santa Monica (CASM), a local community-based organization, created the Climate Corps with City Manager Rick Cole to promote active transportation and transit choices, and to help people understand the constructive climate impact those choices have. The Climate Corps is made up of college and high school students selected for paid summer internships. The program teams with the City, Metro and Los Angeles County.

Year two of the effort saw a tripling of the candidate pool, which included alumni from the 2016 pilot program. Fifteen college and high school students were selected for paid summer internships. The 2017 program cast a wide net and reached out to local neighborhoods to preview the City's upcoming Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, focusing on energy, water, transportation, food and zero waste. Corps members received four full days of intensive training before setting out to engage in climate conversations with over 1,000 people, provide resources, and survey more than 700 respondents in face-to-face community engagement. The effort culminated in a

recognition ceremony with Mayor Ted Winterer and a presentation before the City Council.

For 2018, Climate Corps is extending its community engagement beyond the summer, to stretch its reach to a broader range of diverse residents of all ages, families and neighbors, as well as students and workers. The goal is to empower people to develop all kinds of easy and fun climate-savvy habits.

See Climate Corps in action at [instagram.com/climatecorps](https://www.instagram.com/climatecorps). For more information on CASM, go to climateactionsantamonica.org.



Photo by Justin Han

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ABOUT CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY



Over the last several months, we have experienced a series of high-profile events in Santa Monica, coupled by an increase in overall crime. Naturally, this has caused concern regarding the safety of our community. As Police Chief, I take these concerns seriously. The Santa Monica Police Department is committed to fighting crime, and ensuring that our residents feel safe in their homes, on our streets and in our neighborhoods and business districts.

This past week, the Police Department implemented several changes in the deployment of field-sworn and civilian staff. These changes include increased visibility of uniformed personnel, as well as newly instituted operational protocols that give our management and supervisory staff additional resources to immediately address areas most impacted by crime.

We will continue to evaluate the need to reallocate and add resources on a daily basis. In addition, our Criminal Investigations Detectives have been working tirelessly to apprehend those involved in the most recent acts of violence in our community. Their efforts have resulted in the arrest of suspects wanted in connection with the January 1 murder of John Hautz on 34th Street, as well as the home invasion stabbing that occurred on 5th Street on February 23. The suspect wanted in connection with the Montana Avenue jewelry store robbery on February 28 has been identified, and we are actively working with our law enforcement partners in an attempt to procure his arrest.

Although unmeasured, the perception of safety is a very real concern that is best addressed by communicating the facts about crime in Santa Monica. In 2017, Part 1

crime rose 12.5%. The majority of these crimes, 86%, are classified as property crime (burglary, larceny, theft from vehicle), while 14% are classified as crimes against persons or violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault). In the first two months of 2018, crime has continued to increase by 5.7%, accounting for roughly one additional crime a day. Troubling as these trends are, the number of annual crimes in Santa Monica remain well below historic rates from 1965-2000.

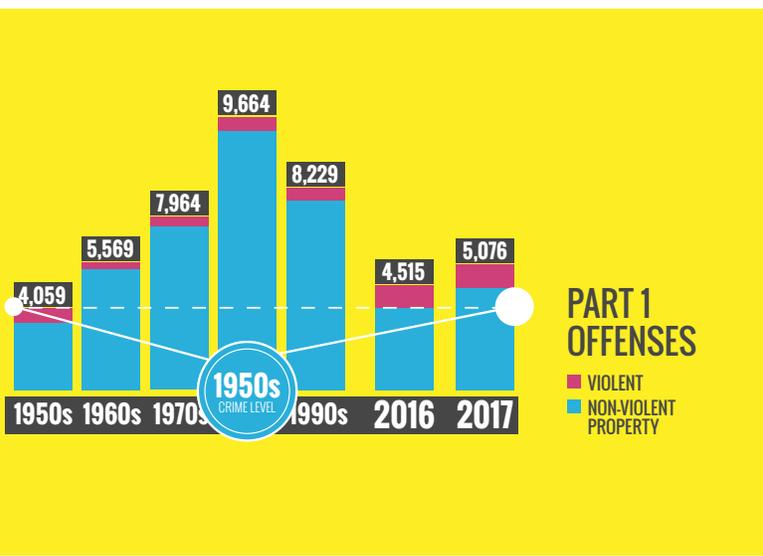
Over the years, our Police Department has built strong community partnerships to keep our city safe. We encourage residents to contact your Neighborhood Resource Officer or Crime Prevention Coordinator in our Community Affairs Unit with any questions. You may also visit our website and social media platforms for the most up-to-date information, or visit CrimeMapping.com, an interactive online tool that provides you with updated information about recent crime activity in your neighborhood. We also offer SM Alerts that provide real time, accurate information on significant crime, traffic or fire issues.

In today's world, of course, many residents rely on social media outlets like Facebook and NextDoor for what their neighbors are sharing about crime and safety. These are valuable tools, but social media can also magnify and spread incomplete, misleading or inaccurate information.

It's important to vet the source and understand that there are usually at least two sides to every story and social media does not operate with the same standards of accountability and sourcing used by responsible news media. It is important to keep in mind that it is equally erroneous to exaggerate the incidence of crime as it is to minimize it.

We understand and share community concerns about crime. We will not rest until they are resolved; however, we cannot do this alone. Your partnership is essential to helping us provide you with the safety and security you deserve as a member of this great community. We are your Police Department, and we are here to serve you.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Semko
Interim Chief of Police



EBBA SAYS: GET OUTSIDE!

Ebba Valenzuela, Community Services Program Supervisor of the City of Santa Monica, is an expert in Santa Monica Community Recreation. With more than 40 years of experience with the City, Ebba has connected with, taught, and assisted thousands of residents who have participated in Community Recreation programs.

Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE?

A: Believe it or not, I participated in the Tiny Tots program in Marine Park, which was the park of my youth. Since then, community recreation in Santa Monica has become my life's work. I was hired in 1975, and have worked as an instructor, staff assistant, special events attendant and more. Now I oversee multiple recreation programs in our beautiful local parks. I try to find offerings that balance fun, fitness and learning all in one. And take it from me, just because you're all grown up doesn't mean you can't allow yourself to pursue fun activities that keep you happy and healthy.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WORK MEMORY?

A: I was at Marine Park taking registrations, and a grandmother came up to me and said, "Did you know you taught my daughter in the Learning Through Play class? This is my granddaughter and we're here to sign up for ballet camp!" I see generations of families come through these community recreation programs, and when we see each other in the community face-to-face, I realize we are all connected. These are my favorite moments.

Q: GIVE US SOME HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY RECREATION THIS SUMMER.

A: I'm very much looking forward to this summer. We've released a fresh new guide to the City of Santa Monica's Community Recreation programs. The online publication, called *RecScape*, has everything under the sun you can do recreation-wise in Santa Monica — from pools to parks, from camps to classes. Folks can go to santamonica.gov/recscape to see what we offer in the beautiful outdoors. I recommend getting a head start by registering an account (if you don't already have one) and add activities to your "wish list." It helps



prepare for the rush when we open online registration to residents on April 25.

Another tip is for folks interested in putting their kids in swim lessons to carefully match the level of the lesson so it's a good fit for the child. We're here to help with this. Swim assessments are available at no charge at the

Santa Monica Swim Center, every day of the week. Call 310.458.8700.

I hope to see everyone who reads this out there in our parks and pools having a great time this summer. If you see me, come say hi!

Summer registration for Community Recreation camps and classes opens April 25 for residents, May 2 for non-residents. Get more info at santamonica.gov/recscape or call 310.458.8300.





PECHAKUCHA

Share Your Story: How are you contributing to making Santa Monica even more sustainable?

Open call for PechaKucha submissions. PechaKucha was devised in Tokyo in 2003 as an event for young designers to meet, network and show their work in public. PechaKucha is a simple presentation format where you show 20 images for 20 seconds each, for a total of 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The images advance automatically and you talk along to the images. Create your presentation and email it to gina.garcia@sustainableworks.org for consideration by April 30. Selected submissions will be presented at Climate Fest on May 19!



UNPLUG THE BEAST AND SAVE

One way to commune with our planet-loving friends and neighbors is to shoo away the bad actors quietly sucking electricity out of wall sockets in your home. These are the electronic appliances and devices that use energy when they're plugged in, even if they're "turned off."



Most of these energy beasts go into "standby" mode, where they continuously suck a trickle of electricity to power features such as clocks and LED status lights. These little horrors account for 5 to 10 percent of a household's total electricity use. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, that adds up to roughly \$100 per year for each household, or more than \$10 billion in annual energy costs nationwide!

SOME ENERGY SLOBS THAT MIGHT BE DRAINING YOUR WALLET INCLUDE:

- TVs, DVD players and cable boxes
- Video game and home audio systems
- Computers
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops and tablets
- Kitchen appliances including coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens

The City of Santa Monica partners with Southern California Edison and SoCalGas to help you defeat energy and money-wasting monsters like these. Here are some tips:

- Unplug appliances and devices when they're not in use or have finished charging. It may not be feasible to unplug every device, but it's easy to unplug in areas not frequently used, such as a guest room or garage.
- Plug appliances into an easily accessible power strip or surge protector, and turn the entire power strip off when the devices aren't in use.
- Purchase Energy Star-certified products.

For more information about saving energy, please visit sustainablesm.org/rebates.



BE THE SOLUTION

Santa Monica

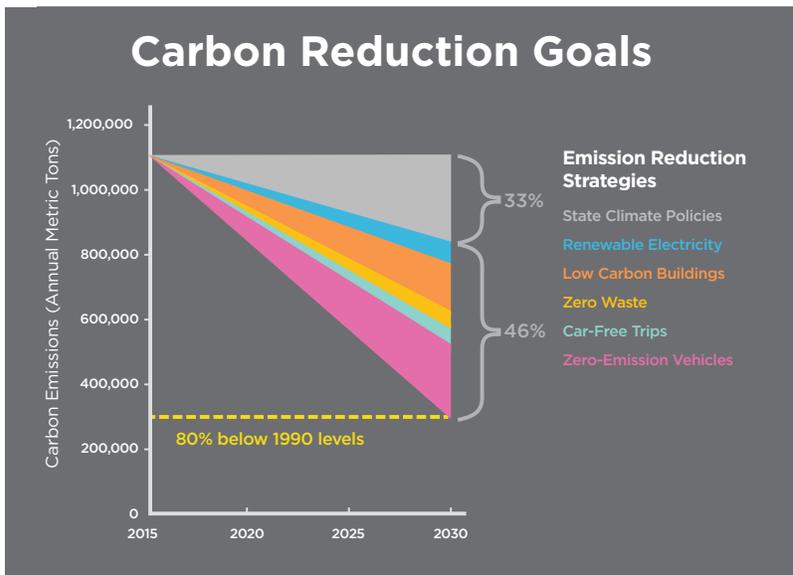
CLIMATE FEST

MAY 19, 2018

FOR UPDATES VISIT SUSTAINABLESM.ORG

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A CARBON NEUTRAL COMMUNITY?

Santa Monica's emissions primarily come from building energy use and vehicle transportation. By shifting to renewable sources of electricity, active modes of mobility and cleaner vehicles, we can significantly reduce our emissions.



The Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, expected to launch this year, will seek to achieve an 80% emissions reduction by 2030.

SANTA MONICA PLANS TO TRIPLE PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS BY 2020

Electric vehicles are essential to reducing carbon emissions and cleaning our air. Knowing that, Santa Monica was early in rolling out electric vehicle chargers and policies to incentivize their ownership.

Rebate programs such as the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project made EVs more affordable for drivers across all income-levels.

However, in a market that saw a 40% jump in EV sales last year, with thousands of additional units on order by our own residents, an update to the existing EV infrastructure and the accompanying policy framework became imperative. The response is the Electric Vehicle Action Plan (EVAP), which the City Council adopted in November 2017. The EVAP provides a comprehensive strategy to increase public infrastructure, facilitate private charging, update EV policies, and develop outreach programs.



The EVAP features a three-year infrastructure proposal of more than \$2 million to increase the City's public charging network from the current 89 charging ports to more than 300 by 2020, including curbside charging and fast-charging stations. The plan includes measures to increase requirements for EV-ready parking spaces in new construction, offers rebates to support EV charging infrastructure, and identifies a long-term plan to recoup the cost of electricity at public charging stations. Additionally, the plan focuses on expanding charging opportunities for residents who live in multi-unit residential buildings and neighborhoods, where charging infrastructure is more challenging to install.



The State of California aims to have 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025, and five million by 2030, and that's a good thing as, based on our state's electricity grid, EVs are seen as one of the fastest ways to clean our skies and protect against climate change. State programs such as the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project help to make EVs more affordable for drivers across all income levels.

For information about the plan, rebates and resources for electric vehicles, please visit smgov.net/electricvehicles.



CLEAN ENERGY OPTIONS COMING TO SANTA MONICA

Back in December 2017, Santa Monica jumped onto the green power movement sweeping California by joining other cities and counties in a community choice energy program called the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California. The Alliance allows local governments to buy and sell power to residents and businesses, enabling them to choose higher percentages of clean renewable energy at competitive rates.



The transition will be seamless for customers and billing will remain the same, but the energy source will be greener. Customers will have the ability to opt out of the program and remain with Southern California Edison if they choose.

The program will launch soon. In the meantime, look for information coming in the mail.

10TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE SANTA MONICA STUDENT POSTER CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION



“One of the best things about this contest is that it not only engages the creativity of our local youth, but it also empowers them to leverage their creativity for real-world problem solving. It’s a productive synergy of education, art and social responsibility.”
– Evan Meyer, Founder and Executive Director, Beautify Earth

Photo by Kristina Sado

The City of Santa Monica’s Office of Sustainability and the Environment, along with Sustainable Works, would like to congratulate the winners and participants of the 10th Annual Sustainable Santa Monica Student Poster Contest. This year’s theme of *Be Fantastic, Cut the Plastic* educated students on the environmental impacts of our over-reliance on single-use plastic items, and gave students the opportunity to use art to express their ideas about ways to reduce plastic use and plastic pollution.

All Poster Contest winners and participants will be honored with an awards ceremony and celebration at the Annenberg Community Beach House on May 22. The winning posters will be on display at the Santa Monica Main Library from May 7 through May 18. They will also be displayed at Climate Fest on May 19.

ARTS + LITERACY
Festival

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Virginia Avenue Park

City of Santa Monica
WHERE BOOKS COME TO LIFE!

ETERNAL MEADOW CELEBRATES ONE YEAR OF GREEN BURIALS

Last April, the City’s Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum & Mortuary opened Eternal Meadow, its green burial section, becoming the second cemetery in the Los Angeles area to offer this new service. Green burials are eco-friendly alternatives to traditional burials and aim to reduce the amount of imperishable and toxic waste placed in the Earth by current funeral industry practices.

With green burial, no toxic embalming fluids are used. There are no cement vaults. Burials are performed using decomposable materials such as simple wooden caskets with no metals, and shrouds made of organic fabric or biodegradable urns. Green burial offers an eco-friendly process of returning our bodies to the earth.

Take the Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour of Eternal Meadow on April 14. In addition to learning more about green burials, you can check out the region’s most beautiful and inspiring private and public landscapes of native California plants.

For more information, contact Woodlawn at 310.458.8717 or visit smgov.net/woodlawn.



SANTA MONICA'S COASTAL PLANNING TAKES A BIG STEP FORWARD

Santa Monica’s iconic beaches and historic pier are essential to the City’s identity. The Santa Monica coastline and surrounding areas are also protected as a coastal zone that’s subject to the State Coastal Act of 1976. This State statute requires the City to adopt a “Local Coastal Program,” or LCP, with policies that protect and support coastal access, recreation, scenic views, environmental and historic resources, water quality and – new this year – the anticipated effects of climate change-induced sea-level rise.

In January, following two years of community outreach and preparation, the City released a draft of the first update to the LCP Land Use Plan (LUP) since it was certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1992. The draft document is now available for public review at smgov.net/localcoastalplan.

The draft LUP incorporates 21st century policies so that Santa Monica can continue to do its part in upholding the Coastal Act’s mission to protect our valuable coastal environment for all to enjoy.

As an alternative to reading or downloading the draft document online, hard copies of the draft LUP are available at all Santa Monica Public Library branches and at the City Hall Planning Counter.

A Planning Commission study session was held on March 21. Adoption hearings are anticipated to follow in May and June.

Comments on the draft documents are encouraged and may be emailed to Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP, Senior Planner at Liz.Bar-El@smgov.net or Cary Fukui, Assistant Planner at Cary.Fukui@smgov.net.

NEW RULES FOR SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES

The Santa Monica City Council approved an emergency ordinance on March 7, establishing temporary regulations for shared mobility systems and devices while a long-term regulatory framework is developed. This ordinance comes at a time when dockless mobility devices, including Bird electric scooters, have taken off in Santa Monica and the region. Dockless systems allow bikes and scooters to be left in any location, regardless of the presence of a rack, sometimes causing access and safety issues in the public rights-of-way.

Council directed the following:

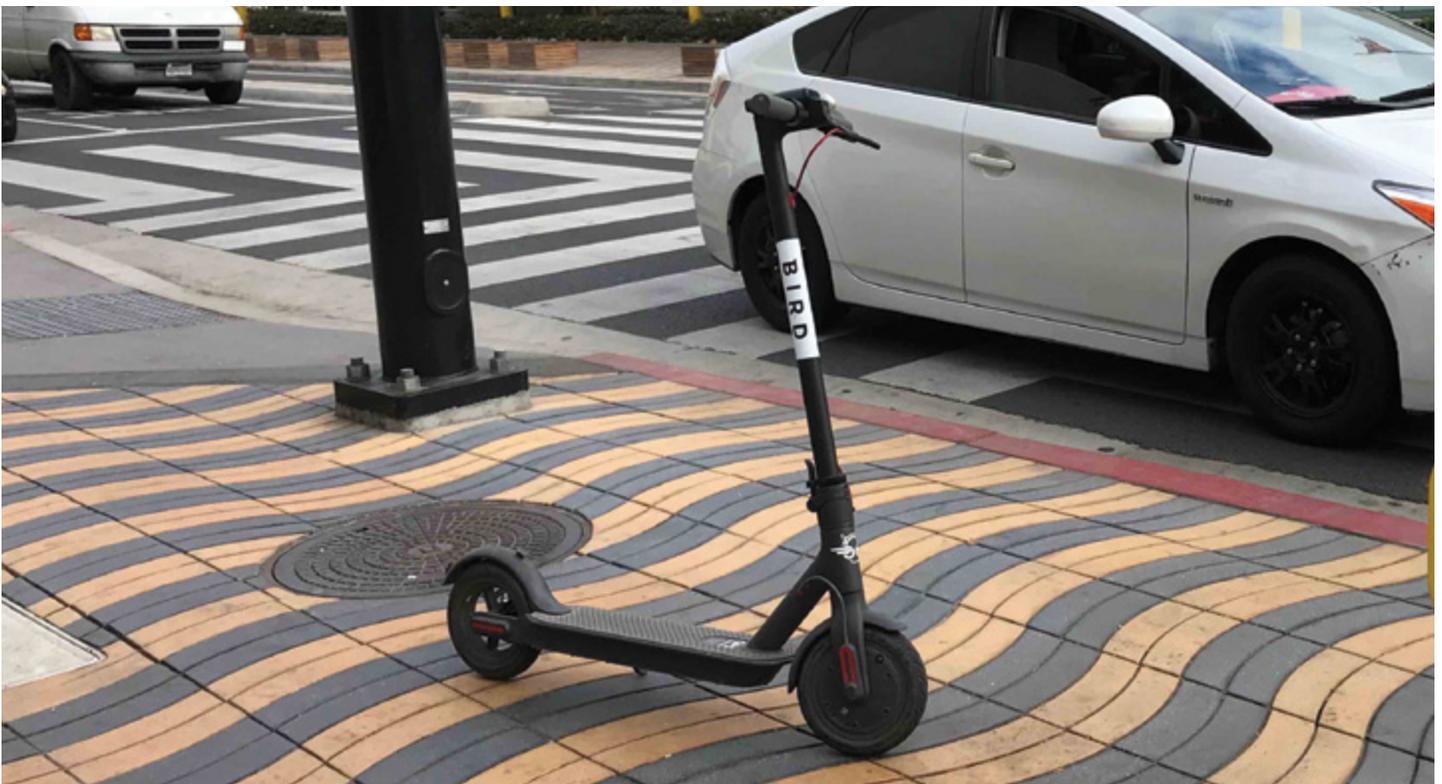
- Amend the Santa Monica Municipal Code to establish that dockless mobility systems are subject to vending regulations per chapter 6.36.
- Enact an enforcement measure to protect the public rights-of-way, imposing an impound fee of \$60 only when shared mobility devices pose an immediate hazard or obstruct access.
- Staff will return to Council in the coming months for a study session to determine the components of a new regulatory framework for shared mobility devices like e-bikes and e-scooters, including a potential pilot program.

As an emergency ordinance, these regulations will expire on January 1, 2019. Staff expects to bring Council new options well in advance of that date.

Know The Laws

STATE SAFETY LAWS FOR BIRD RIDERS

- You can only ride if you have a valid driver's license or instruction permit.
- Wearing a helmet is required for all ages.
- You must ride by yourself, and not with any passengers.
- You must ride on the road, never on the sidewalk.
- You may not park on the sidewalk in the way of pedestrian traffic.
- You must not ride at night unless the motorized scooter is equipped with proper lighting equipment, including a front light source which is visible from the front and sides, and reflectors.



BUILDING RESILIENCE IN SANTA MONICA COMMUNITIES



The world has seen a massive rise in the number of severe weather events in the last few years. The stress of disasters has been exacerbated by climate change, acts of terrorism, and economic instability, which has thrown many communities into a continuous cycle of response and recovery.

We can and must learn from these tragedies and invest in preventative measures for our future. Santa Monica is investing in the resilience of our residents and our communities, and seeking to build networks of community members and local organizations. We hope that to protect our most vulnerable and empower our communities to prepare themselves for future disasters. The Office of Emergency Management is launching a Community Resilience Networks program to build support systems for communities.

We will also be hosting workshops to brainstorm ideas and build resilience in the community. Sign up and stay updated by visiting smgov.net/oem.



ARE YOU A LANDLORD? YOU ARE INVITED!

The City of Santa Monica cordially invites you to the HouseLA Landlord Partnership Event.

Join us, together with Los Angeles County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl, to learn about the benefits and landlord incentives available to you.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Santa Monica College - Theater Arts Building
1900 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Please park in structures 3 and 4.

Brunch will be provided.



For questions about the event, call 626.686.1669.



OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY CELEBRATES ITS 100TH YEAR



Santa Monica Public Library's Ocean Park Branch turned 100 on February 15 this year. To celebrate this milestone, there will be special programs at all Santa Monica library locations throughout 2018.

Last month, the Ocean Park branch hosted an exhibit of photos from the Library's Image Archives, featuring historical images of all the Libraries and their neighborhoods. The exhibit is now traveling to each Library location until June. On Tuesday, April 24, the Pico Branch marks its four-year anniversary with a unique culture mapping presentation. On Saturday, April 28, the Ocean Park Branch presents a slideshow on its colorful history with local historian Richard Orton. On Thursday, June 14, the Fairview Branch marks their 62nd anniversary with an all-day program. Stop by and decorate a puzzle piece to add to a large-scale community puzzle. Refreshments will be provided.

Help the library celebrate the past and embrace the present by taking part in these exciting programs and services for all ages. For more information, call 310.458.8600 or visit smpl.org.

APRIL 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.

Easter at the Sunday Main Street Farmers Market **APRIL 1, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. AT 2640 MAIN STREET**

The event includes an Easter egg hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny, Easter basket giveaway, Easter arts & crafts with books and cookies, face painting, and West African music with Sangoma Beat. Free and open to the public. smgov.net/farmersmarket

Art @ Tongva Among Us Weekend 1 **APRIL 7 AND 8, 4 P.M. - 6 P.M. AT PIER + TONGVA PARK**

An audio-theater experience where you and the City take the stage. Go from the bustle of the Santa Monica Pier to the green surroundings of Tongva Park while listening to meditative prompts that reveal what may lie beneath the surface of daily life. smgov.net/tongvapark

Roots to Tips Cooking Demo **APRIL 8, 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. AT 2640 MAIN STREET**

The Santa Monica Farmers Market offers free monthly cooking demonstrations aimed at increasing shopping and food preparation confidence, and building community around our local food system and wellbeing. This month, we utilize produce parts that typically go to waste: roots, tops, peels, trimmings and pulp. Demonstrations are held at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon in the education tent in the heart of the market. Free and open to the public. smgov.net/farmersmarket

Downbeat 720 **APRIL 10 AND 24, 7:20 P.M. - 10 P.M. AT MILES PLAYHOUSE**

A free open-mic performance lab for high school performing artists. All singers, poets, emcees, dancers, actors and musicians are invited to try new material, gain confidence and perform in front of an audience of peers. milesplayhouse.org

April Poetry Workshop with Brendan Constantine **APRIL 14, 2 P.M. - 5 P.M. AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB**

Brendan Constantine presents a generative spring workshop for writers of all levels. No experience necessary. April is National Poetry Month, so check in to keep your writing on track! Brendan provides a plethora of prompts that can see you through the rest of the month, especially if you're doing the April 30/30 challenge of a poem a day. Come away inspired! smgov.net/camera

Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour of Eternal Meadow **APRIL 14, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY, MAUSOLEUM & MORTUARY**

The Theodore Payne Foundation's 15th annual Native Plant Garden Tour takes you through the region's most beautiful and inspiring private and public landscapes of native California plants. It includes the Eternal Meadow, Woodlawn Cemetery's new green burial section. smgov.net/gardentour

Residency Exhibit: Debra Disman and Huong Nguyen: New Works **APRIL 14, 3 P.M. - 7 P.M. AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB**

In this free exhibition, residents Debra Disman and Huong Nguyen show new works in fabric and paper. smgov.net/camera; RSVP at coaldismannguyen.eventbrite.com.

Breakfast in the Garden @ Main St. **APRIL 14, 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. AT MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN**

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

Writ Large Press: Icons & Influences with F. Douglas Brown **APRIL 17, 6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M. AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE**

A collaboration with the Downtown Los Angeles independent literary studio Writ Large Press. Author F. Douglas Brown reads from his new book ICON, with guest readers TBA. annenbergbeachhouse.com

Meet Me At Reed Concert: Santa Monica Jazz All-Stars featuring Greg Porée **APRIL 21, 5:30 P.M. - SUNSET AT REED PARK**

Move and groove to upbeat and world jazz tunes in this free concert featuring the Greg Porée Group, Paul Cartwright, Frances Livings, Sidney Jacobs and Nick Mancini. smgov.net/reed

Earth Day at the Sunday Main Street Farmers Market **APRIL 22, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. AT 2640 MAIN STREET**

Celebrate Mother Earth Sunday April 22 and learn how to be environmentally sustainable with food and lifestyle choices. First 300 guests who sign the "bring your own bag" pledge get a free reusable produce bag. We're also now a home food scrap drop-off location! smgov.net/farmersmarket

Art @ Tongva Dance Commission APRIL 25 AND 26, 7:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. AT TONGVA PARK

An evening of physical performance created especially for the park by experimental theatre company Wilderness. smgov.net/tongvapark

Camps, Aquatics and Classes: Summer Priority Registration Opens APRIL 25 ONLINE

Santa Monica residents enjoy priority online registration to all community recreation offerings through May 1. Non resident registration begins May 2. santamonica.gov/recscape

Arbor Day Celebration APRIL 26, 3 P.M. - 5 P.M. AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

The City of Santa Monica's Arbor Day festivities will focus on increasing canopy, decreasing water use and planting native trees. smgov.net/landscape

Shredding APRIL 28, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. AT CITY YARDS, 2500 MICHIGAN AVENUE

Each resident may bring up to five file boxes (max. size- 12"x17"x9")for shredding. Documents will be recycled into new paper products and provide environmental benefits, including reduced need for landfill space and new lumber. smgov.net/r3events

Arts & Literacy Festival APRIL 28, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Featuring a wide variety of interactive activities including crafts, live performances, cooking demonstrations and the Aquarium on Wheels, the Arts & Literacy Festival promotes Santa Monica Cradle to Career's Kindergarten Readiness Campaign. smgov.net/VAP

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:

APRIL 10
APRIL 24

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:

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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 Meeting
APRIL 2, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Architectural Review Board Meeting
APRIL 2 AND 16, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Planning Commission Meeting
APRIL 4 AND 18, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Landmarks Commission Meeting
APRIL 9, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
APRIL 11, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Santa Monica Rent Control Board Meeting
APRIL 12, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Arts Commission Meeting
APRIL 16, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

The Commission for the Senior Community Meeting
APRIL 18, 1:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Housing Commission Meeting
APRIL 19, 4:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
APRIL 19, 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Social Services Commission Meeting
APRIL 23, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER