‘TIS THE SEASON TO EXPLORE ALL SANTA MONICA HAS TO OFFER

As you get ready to deck the halls for the final month of 2019, we want to unwrap some of the festive ways that Santa Monica is celebrating the season. In this edition, you can explore helpful holiday tips along with a wide range of events and activities that are sure to delight the whole family. Charge up the sleigh and discover unique offerings happening throughout the city. Explore new neighborhoods, and uncover areas of the City you may not have known about. Remember, buying local not only helps to support our neighborhood merchants, but it also helps reduce the amount of plastic and waste that comes with online shopping. Who knows, you might find the perfect gift, discover a hot new restaurant to enjoy with friends, or indulge in some of the delicious seasonal menus only available once a year.

While the holidays are filled with candy canes and gumdrops, the Santa Monica Police Department and Fire Department share some helpful reminders on how to keep you and yours safe during this busy time of year. Learn more about the Santa Monica Police Department’s sub-station on the Third Street Promenade and see what you can do to avoid common mistakes when it comes to holiday decorations.

From all of us at the City of Santa Monica, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to a joyous 2020.
UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF CYNTHIA RENAUD

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educed by the offerings of the oceanfront resort town, African American pioneers came to seek their California Dream in Santa Monica as early as the late nineteenth century. As they escaped from the worst of Jim Crow laws and practices in the U.S. South, African Americans sought enjoyment of the climate and new life possibilities afforded in California. The new Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field will be constructed on a site where some of the earliest African American residents lived and contributed to making Santa Monica a vibrant and unique place from 1900 to the 1950s. Important businesses, such as La Bonita bathhouse and café, were located there and provided African Americans with accommodations, particularly when they came to enjoy the Pacific Ocean shoreline a few blocks away.

African American families lived in clusters on streets in the Ocean Park district, including Belmar Terrace which ran along the Civic Auditorium’s eastern edge from Pico Boulevard to Main Street. Until the 1950s, most black migrants worked in domestic and service employment, while a few were small business entrepreneurs. They were strivers, joiners, and civil rights leaders of the era. Just like in other parts of the country, Santa Monica’s early African American citizens tirelessly challenged oppression and discrimination to dismantle racial barriers, at a time when civil rights laws passed as early as 1893 in California were not always being enforced.

As part of the California Coastal Commission’s broader social justice aims, a condition was added to the sports field construction permit that an informational, educational, and interpretive program be developed to educate the public about the legacy of African American citizens that once lived in this area before being displaced. In the coming months, Dr. Jefferson will be conducting community engagement workshops for Santa Monicans to provide input on public artworks and an educational program that will commemorate the history of the Belmar neighborhood, with additional artworks to be developed for surrounding areas in the future.

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Aerial photograph of Santa Monica east to west from Olympic Boulevard to Santa Monica High School, including the Civic Center area and Belmar neighborhoods before City Hall, the Civic Auditorium and the 10 Freeway were constructed. 1937 photograph by Fairchild Aerial Surveys.
RECYCLING CHRISTMAS TREES HELPS OTHER PLANTS THRIVE

Beginning the day after Christmas, the Resource, Recovery, and Recycling Division will collect and compost your Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled service days.

To take advantage of this free service, please follow these four simple steps:

1. Remove the tree’s stand.
2. Remove any decorations, ornaments, and lights.
3. If your tree is over 6 feet tall, please cut it in half.
4. Place your tree at your normal collection spot (either curbside or alley).

Recycling your Christmas tree is an easy and effective way to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. The City of Santa Monica is working to achieve 95% zero waste by the year 2030, and simply dropping off your Christmas tree in your alley or on your curb will help us achieve that goal, as well as keep Christmas trees out of landfills. Christmas trees are compostable, which means your holiday decoration will someday be turned into productive, nutrient-rich soil that will help other plants grow.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION

During the weeks of December 25, January 1, and January 20, the City will collect trash and recycling one day later than the regular schedule due to the Christmas, New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. holidays. This means that Wednesday routes will be collected on Thursday, Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, and so forth. For more information, call 310.458.2223 or visit SantaMonica.gov/ChristmasTree.

PERSIMMON CHUTNEY – TASTE THE SEASON

The color shouts fall. The taste is mildly, fragrantly sweet. Fuyu persimmons have made their appearance once again at Schaner Farms. The Fuyu variety of persimmons are enjoyed while still hard. Look for fruit that is deep red-orange in color and heavy in weight. Keep them in a bowl on your counter or on your table until ready to eat. It is not necessary to refrigerate them. They are good eaten like an apple or chopped up and added to a green salad. Eventually they do soften and you can use them in a quick bread recipe. Below we have one idea for a quick salad.

### Ingredients

- 4 Fuyu persimmons, washed well and finely chopped
- 1 green pepper and/or jalapeño, finely chopped
- 1 medium red onion, finely chopped
- 2 medium Meyer lemons, thinly sliced with the skin, then cut into small triangles
- 2 tbsp. sugar (or to taste)
- dash salt
- cider vinegar
- chopped parsley or cilantro
- pomegranate seeds

### Instructions

Combine the chopped fruit and vegetables. Sprinkle with the sugar and salt. Splash with the cider vinegar, add herbs and toss gently. Taste and adjust seasonings. Sprinkle with pomegranate seeds and serve immediately.

Recipe provided by Adina Rimmon, Schaner Farms. Follow them on Instagram @SchanerFarmStand.

HOLIDAY SUBSTATION FUN ON THE PROMENADE

The Santa Monica Police Department and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. are teaming up to host the month-long SMPD Holiday Substation at 1421 Third Street Promenade. The SMPD Holiday Substation provides an inviting and entertaining space for visitors to meet and chat with SMPD officers in a casual, friendly environment. Having uniformed personnel on Third Street Promenade also reminds visitors that public safety throughout the holiday season is a priority for the Santa Monica Police Department.

The SMPD Holiday Substation will be greeting visitors now through December 29th, from noon to 8:00 p.m. daily. The Santa Monica Police Department will have an exhibit showcasing SMPD’s unique equipment, such as a Multi-Utility Vehicle (MUV), motorcycle, and electric bicycle. SMPD will also offer Holiday Movie Screenings, the SMPD Explorers Gift Wrapping Station, SMPD Animal Control Pet Adoption Day, and SMPD Coffee with a Cop. Additionally, a special North Pole Mailbox inside the SMPD Holiday Substation will be for children to mail their letters to Santa Clause.

The SMPD Holiday Substation will also feature an interactive project — Promenade 3.0. The goal for Promenade 3.0 is to define the many values, cultures, and interests that truly represent the City of Santa Monica and specifically Third Street Promenade. Promenade 3.0 aims to determine the activities that will best captivate the interests of our City’s visitors, as well as our very own Santa Monica residents. Please make sure to participate in Promenade 3.0 and provide your input on what you would like to see featured in the next phase of the Third Street Promenade.

Follow SMPD on @SantaMonicaPD.
Pico Boulevard

• SANTA MONICA YOUTH ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY MARIACHI CONCERT
  Tuesday, December 3 | 6:30 p.m. | Pico Library
  De-stress from the holiday rush and join us for a Mariachi concert featuring well-known holiday songs as well as popular mariachi songs. Sing-along, clap-along and drink a complimentary cocoa. For more information, call 310.458.8684 or visit SMPL.org.

• HOMESPUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS
  Saturday, December 7 | Virginia Avenue Park Farmers Market (Pico Boulevard at Cloverfield) and participating shops along Pico Boulevard.
  Celebrate a homespun holiday season with the Pico Boulevard merchants and farmers. For more information visit facebook.com/PicoBvdSM.

• TEA AND CANVAS PAINTING
  Monday, December 23 | 6:30 p.m. | Pico Library
  Get together with your friends for a wintertime celebration of painting fun and a hot tea treat! Learn a step-by-step method for creating your very own piece of artwork. For more information, call 310.458.8684 or visit SMPL.org.

Montana Avenue

• MONTANA AVENUE HOLIDAY WALK
  Saturday, December 7 | 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Montana Avenue (between 6th - 17th Streets)
  For more information visit MontanaAve.com.

• HANDMADE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
  Monday, December 9 | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Montana Branch Library
  Hand make crafty banners, centerpieces, garlands, and one-of-a-kind decorations for a beautiful holiday celebration! Enjoy crafting using felt, hand stamping, paper crafting techniques and more to create special items for the holidays. For more information call 310.458.8682 or visit us at SMPL.org.

Main Street

• MIRACLE ON MAIN (20TH ANNIVERSARY)
  Saturday, December 7 | 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. | CA Heritage Museum (Main Street at Ocean Park Boulevard) and Surrounding Businesses.
  Tree lighting, carolers and Santa! Starting at California Heritage Museum at 4 p.m., followed by a candlelight walk to the famous Shopping Cart Tree at Edgemar Center and festivities along Main Street with holiday parties at participating shops into the night. Organized by the Main Street Merchants Association BID. For more information, visit MainStreetSM.com.

• HOLIDAY CARD CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA
  Tuesday, December 10 | 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Ocean Park Library
  Drop in and create spectacular cards or gift tags for the holiday season using folding, coloring, glue, or pop-up construction. For more information call 310.458.8683 or visit SMPL.org.

Ocean Park

• HAVE YOURSELF A MOVIE LITTLE CHRISTMAS WITH AUTHOR ALONSO DURALDE
  Saturday, December 7 | 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Fairview Library
  Alonso Duralde, film critic for thewrap.com and author of several film history books, discusses the quirky history of holiday movies. Following his talk, we’ll screen one of his favorite obscure Christmas flicks, a romantic comedy starring Janet Leigh and Robert Mitchum. (87 min) For more information call 310.458.8681 or visit SMPL.org.

• THE MARK TWAIN RINGERS
  Wednesday, December 11 | 4:00 p.m. | Fairview Library
  Enjoy a special holiday concert featuring a group of all-teen English handbell ringers from Mark Twain Middle School that has performed across the United States and all over the world! (45 min) For more information, call 310.458.8681 or visit SMPL.org.

Downtown

• PHOTOS WITH SANTA
  Saturday – Tuesday | Through December 24 | Santa Monica Place’s Center Plaza
  Visit Santa Clause at his ocean-side workshop and snap a picture. Photo packages available for purchase. Make reservations online at SantaMonicaPlace.com.

• ICE SKATING
  Through January 20 | Hours Vary, Check Website | 1324 Fifth Street (Corner of Arizona Avenue and 5th Street)
  Every holiday season DTSM brings a little ice skating to the beachside community with an 8,000-square-foot ice-skating rink. Skate rental and all-day admission $15, locker rentals $5. Check website for skating hours and weekly performance schedule. For more information, visit DowntownSM.com/WinterLit.

• HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB
  December 4 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Santa Monica Place 3rd Floor
  Enjoy fun, holiday-themed kids entertainment in the Food Court and at SaMo’s Playhouse. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPlace.com.
Holiday Fun

Downtown (cont.)

• OFFICIAL CITY OF SANTA MONICA TREE LIGHTING
  December 5 | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | 1300 block of Third Street Promenade (between Arizona Ave and Wilshire Blvd).
  Join Santa Clause for a special tree lighting ceremony. Shop at the Winterlit Holiday market or grab a photo with Santa. Live Music and kids crafts. Free and open to the public. Snow is in the forecast! For more information, visit DowntownSM.com/WinterLit.

• CHRISTMAS JAZZ
  Thursday, December 5 | 7:00 p.m. | MLK Jr. Auditorium
  Steeped in the tradition of the greatest jazz era of the late 1950's and early 1960's, Sean Stackpole’s music looks simultaneously back to the tradition of straight-ahead jazz and forward to the jazz of the future. Come enjoy a concert of Jazz standards and traditional Christmas classics. For more information, call 310.458.8600 or visit SMPL.org.

• WINTERLIT HOLIDAY MARKET
  December 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 | 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. | (Friday), 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. | (Saturday & Sunday) | 1200 block of Third Street Promenade (between Arizona Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard).
  Take the stress out of holiday shopping with the Winterlit Holiday Market featuring unique creations from local artists. Surprise your loved ones with a one-of-a-kind gift while supporting our amazing community of talented artisans. For more information visit DowntownSM.com/WinterLit.

• NORTH POLE BREAKFAST
  December 7 | 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | SaMo Playhouse, 395 Santa Monica Place (3rd Level)
  Children of all ages are invited to a celebratory holiday, with light breakfast treats, music, crafts and a special visit from Santa. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPlace.com.

• PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA
  Wednesday, December 11 & 18 | 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Santa Monica Place
  Bring your furry friend to one of Santa Monica Place’s special pet nights and “sit” for a photo with Santa. Dogs and cats only and must be on leash or in carrier. Reserve your spot at SantaMonicaPlace.com/Holiday.

• THE LYRIC CHORUS SINGS IN THE SEASON
  Thursday, December 12 | 11:00 a.m. | MLK Jr. Auditorium
  The SMC Emeritus Lyric Chorus returns under the direction of Tom Gerhold and Linda Jackson, for a seasonal concert featuring a variety of Broadway songs and summertime favorites. For more information, call 310.458.8600 or visit SMPL.org.

• MENORAH LIGHTINGS
  December 22 – 30 | Begins at sundown | 1300 Block of Third Street Promenade (between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue)
  Join local synagogues and community groups as their members celebrate the Festival of Lights this Hanukkah season. DowntownSM.com/WinterLit.

Santa Monica Pier

• BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER
  Thursdays, December 5, 12 & 19 | Santa Monica Pier Merry-Go-Round deck
  The iconic Bob Baker Marionette Theater brings their holiday spectacular to the Pier for 6 shows of puppetry, singalongs and cheer. It’s a magical show on the carousel deck, with the Holiday windows illuminating the night sky. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPier.org.

• HOLIDAY CHEER ON THE PIER INSTALLATION
  Daily through January 6 | SM Pier Historic Merry-Go-Round Windows
  The historic merry-go-round windows will come to life with a holiday installation by renowned Australian artists, PipnPop. The windows will be free to view and open to the public day and night. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPier.org.

• SURFER SANTA PHOTO OP
  Sunday, December 8 | Santa Monica Pier Central Plaza (next to historic Route 66 sign)
  A Santa Monica spin on the classic Santa photo op. We’ll have a surfer Santa in Central Plaza for guests to snap photos and create a fun holiday memory with the coolest Santa in town. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPier.org.

• HOLIDAY STORY TIME
  Friday, December 13 | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Santa Monica Pier Merry-Go-Round deck
  Hosted by the Santa Monica Public Library. This is a wonderful event for Santa Monica kids to play and learn holiday lore. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPier.org.

• UNIQUE LA HOLIDAY MARKET
  Saturday & Sunday, December 21 & 22 | Santa Monica Pier Merry-Go-Round deck
  Get all of your holiday shopping done at one of LA’s best artisan markets with everything from jewelry to crafts, homewares to apparel. Featuring some of the area’s coolest and most unique vendors, creating a shopping experience unlike any other. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPier.org.

• THE NOELLE'S HOLIDAY CONCERT
  Saturday & Sunday, December 21 & 22 | Santa Monica Pier Merry-Go-Round deck
  A female doo-wop group that sings holiday carols - is there anything better or more festive?! It’s the last weekend before the holiday, so make sure you come down and catch the last bit of magic at Holiday Cheer at the Pier. For more information, visit SantaMonicaPier.org.
Join us at our 3rd Annual Polar Bear Swim on Saturday, December 28. If you have never been part of a Polar Bear Swim, it’s time to see what you’re missing.

The Polar Bear Swim starts with 9 a.m. check-in at the Annenberg Community Beach House Guest Services before heading to the shoreline in front of the Beach House. The first ocean plunge takes place at approximately 9:30 a.m. The most stalwart Polar Bears can take part in the 300-yard swim around a buoy. For those who aren’t quite so hearty, a quick dip is still a great experience that gets the blood pumping and the skin tingling.

After the invigorating plunge into the ocean, you can head over and warm up in the heated Beach House pool! Gather with friends and family while enjoying poolside activities including s’mores, warm beverages, games and photos with our very own polar bear mascot, Pat. Pool admission will be charged for Polar Bears entering the pool deck that want to visit, soak or swim in the heated pool, take a hot shower and munch on the tasty snacks provided. The event will end at 1 p.m.

Register online at AnnenbergBeachHouse.com. In-person registration will be available but may be limited on the day of the event. Parking is $3 per hour or $8 per day. Pool Admission is $10/adults, $5/senior adults 60+, $4/youth 1-17. *Regular Pool Rules apply while swimming at this event. Youths younger than 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult while in the pool.

For more information, please call 310.458.4904, email beach.permits@smgov.net, or visit AnnenbergBeachHouse.com.

Y ou have the opportunity to “vote with your dollars” this holiday season. Every year, Buy Local Santa Monica puts together the ‘Tis the Season Buy Local Santa Monica Holiday Gift Guide.

Buy Local is a campaign created by the Santa Monica business community and the City of Santa Monica to support local business. When you buy local this holiday season, your gifts are twice as nice – they show your loved ones how much you care and your purchases support our community. A recent study by Civic Economics found for every $10 spent at a local business, as much as $7 stays in the community. Purchases made at Santa Monica businesses last year generated $16 million for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District and over $8 million for affordable housing preservation and construction.

And now supporting our local community is easier than ever. The Buy Local Santa Monica Holiday Gift Guide is packed with ideas. This year we’re highlighting unique, experience gifts that help your family and friends discover some of Santa Monica’s hidden gems. Our guide also spotlights gift ideas that are truly unique and sustainable (i.e. you can’t buy these on Amazon) and includes a Buy Local on a Budget category ($25 or less) to show that buying local doesn’t have to be expensive. You can find something for everyone, at all price points, right here in Santa Monica!

GET READY FOR SANTA MONICA’S 3RD ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIM

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Check out the full gift guide at buylocalsantamonica.com/gifts2019 or follow us on facebook.com/buylocalism and Instagram @BuyLocalSM for our featured gifts of the day.

OTHER FUN AND EASY WAYS TO BUY LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. Head to your Santa Monica Farmers markets and stock up on ingredients for your holiday meals. Eat fresh, eat local! (see page 8 for holiday closures)
2. Lace up your walking shoes and stroll over to your local stationery store to stock up on holiday cards for loved ones.
3. Meet up with your coworkers or friends for some holiday cheer at a Santa Monica pub or coffee bar.
4. Looking for a great venue for a holiday office party? We’ve got over 300 local restaurants to choose from. Hint – they can also cater your holiday meals to relieve the stress. #EatLocalSM
5. Have friends or family visiting? Treat them to a night at a Santa Monica hotel and enjoy the discounts. Visit SantaMonica.com/ extrabedroom.
6. Bike local, buy local. To avoid hassles with parking and traffic, grab your bike and enjoy exercise while you do your holiday shopping. Treat yourself to a little something with the $ you save on parking and gas! For safe routes, visit SMSpoke.org.
7. Buy local, give local. Help support one of our many local charities. Shop at a Santa Monica thrift shop (also a great source for holiday decorations, cool scarves you can use as wrapping paper, etc.), provide gift donations to a local non-profit, or volunteer some time to help your neighbors in need.

For more information on Buy Local Santa Monica, visit BuyLocalSM.com.

‘TIS THE SEASON TO BUY LOCAL
TIPS TO GET AROUND DOWNTOWN’S HOLIDAY HUSTLE

The holiday season is filled with cheer, special events, shopping and a number of active infrastructure projects in active construction. To help you navigate and find the best route, check out this map of City infrastructure projects and local private construction projects in downtown Santa Monica.

With the increased traffic during the holiday season we always recommend biking, walking or taking public transportation to downtown instead of driving.

FINAL PROJECT LISTING

1. Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field
   Pico Avenue between Main and 4th Street

2. Santa Monica Early Childhood Lab School
   4th Street between Olympic Boulevard and Pico Avenue

3. Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project
   Main Street between Olympic Boulevard and Pico Avenue

4. City Services Building (CSB) Project
   323 Olympic Drive at Avenida Mazatlan

5. North Beach Trail Improvement Project
   2 miles starting south of Bay Street to northern city limits

6. 500 Broadway - Private Development Project
   Broadway between 5th and 6th Street

7. 800 Colorado Avenue - Private Development Project
   Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue

8. 1516 Lincoln Boulevard – Private Development Project
   Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway

9. 1601 Lincoln Boulevard - Private Development Project
   Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue

10. 1641 Lincoln Boulevard - Private Development Project
    Lincoln Boulevard between Colorado Avenue and Olympic Boulevard

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

As winter arrives, we’d like our fellow Santa Monicans to keep in mind that home fires increase during the winter months and during the holidays. Travel and entertaining can create distractions, and the colder weather means using more heating sources. Please keep these quick safety tips in mind to help keep you and your family safe.

CHRISTMAS TREE

• Just before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2” from the base of the trunk to help it absorb water properly.
• Water your tree daily, and never, ever, use lit candles to decorate the tree.
• Use lights that have a certification label from an independent testing laboratory (such as UL labs).
• Keep Christmas trees, and anything flammable, three feet from any heat source.
• Don’t overload electrical outlets, and be sure you’re using surge protectors, not just power strips.
• Replace any strings of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections.
• Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets together, and use a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulb type strands.
• Remember your Christmas tree is probably very dry if you still have it in your house on Valentine’s Day! Be sure to dispose of your tree. Falling needles = dispose, recycle. Learn more about recycling your tree on page 3.

IN YOUR HOME

• Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected yearly.
• Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
• Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.
• Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
• Use flameless candles.
• Review a home fire escape plan with family and guests.

For more information from SMFD, visit SantaMonicaFire.org.
DECEMBER 2019 EVENTS

Public Meetings
For updates on meetings for Boards, Commissions and Task Forces, go to smgov.net/clerk or call 310.458.8411.

Architectural Review Board
December 16, 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Arts Commission
December 16, 6:30 p.m.
Ken Edwards Center

Commission for the Senior Community
December 18, 1:30 p.m.
Ken Edwards Center

Commission of the Status of Women
December 17, 7 p.m.
Ken Edwards Center

Disabilities Commission
December 2, 6:30 p.m.
Ken Edwards Center

Housing Commission
December 19, 4:30 p.m.
Ken Edwards Center

Landmarks Commission
December 9, 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Library Board
December 5, 7 p.m.
Main Library

Planning Commission
December 18, 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Recreation and Parks Commission
December 19, 7:30 p.m.
Thelma Terry, Virginia Avenue Park