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Let's take a closer look at a few things Santa Monica is doing to improve and conserve its resources, protect its residents, promote well-being, and of course, make living here the beautiful experience we all know and love.

KEEPING OUR WATER SAFE AND AVAILABLE

Water is the most important resource in every part of the U.S. — even the world. Because Santa Monica and the greater Los Angeles area knows first-hand, the consequences of extreme dry conditions, we tend to appreciate water's value even more.

On July 5, 2022, Santa Monica implemented a water conservation ordinance limiting outdoor watering to two days per week. The days you may water outdoors are determined by your address. This ordinance is in addition to the enhanced drought water conservation efforts that began in 2014. However, the City has been implementing water conservation

initiatives since the 1990s. By curbing outdoor watering and investing in local infrastructure (see below), Santa Monica reduces its reliance on imported water and moves us closer to our 2023 goal to supply roughly 90% of our water supply locally.

WATER QUALITY AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE

Santa Monica is near completion of the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP). If you don't know about SWIP yet, this is a great introduction. The project is the first of its kind, huge in its benefits, and has three main elements:

- **Element 1:** Stormwater, Dry Weather Urban Runoff Treatment and Potable Reuse
- **Element 2:** Stormwater and Municipal Wastewater Treatment and Potable Reuse
- **Element 3:** Stormwater Harvesting

But what does this project mean for residents? Very briefly, it means these three elements create roughly 10% of the City's water supply. By harvesting, treating, and reusing these natural water sources, the effects of drought on Santa Monicans are mitigated — we have immediate access to local water. For detailed information on how the City is recycling about one million gallons of water per day (that's right — **one million per day**), and the full scope of SWIP, scan the QR code here.



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RENT CONTROL ADJUSTMENT RELIEF PROGRAM



The City is operating a temporary assistance program to help rent-burdened households in Rent Control units impacted by the 6% rent increase General Adjustment that will take effect **September 1, 2022**. The Rent Control Adjustment Relief (RCAR) program will focus on households that are paying 50% or more of their income on rent (severely rent burdened) in rent-controlled apartments that have received notification of an increase, with priority given to very-low and extremely low-income households. Rental assistance will cover five months — **September 2022 through January 2023**. The application period will open late August through mid-September. Applicants that need direct assistance can attend a community clinic in early September. For more information about the Rent Control Adjustment Relief Program, visit santamonica.gov/programs/rent-control-adjustment-relief. For more information on local housing assistance programs, visit santamonica.gov.

MARINE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS OPEN FOR RECREATION

The Marine Park playground located at **1406 Marine Street** has officially become the newest upgraded playground in Santa Monica. Explore the playground's *Marine + Santa Monica Coast* theme celebrating community spirit and pride in the unique and beloved spaces found along the West Coast. From the lifeguard tower play structure to the aquarium merry-go-round spinner, to the iconic signage of the Pier and Route 66, Santa Monica references are abound throughout the playground and are sure to be enjoyed by all members of the community.

This inclusive, universally accessible playground features separate play structures for children 2-5 years old and 5-12 years old, improved pedestrian access, rubber safety surfacing, a sand play area, shade structures, fencing, and seating which allows for ample space and a barrier-free environment for children of all abilities and their families to interact and play.

The \$1.2 million project was funded by local Parks and Recreation Impact Fee revenues, a grant from Prop 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and the Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. In addition to playground safety upgrades, other Marine Park improvements include basketball courts resurfacing and repair and the upcoming parking lot paving and restriping.

Take advantage of the exciting updates to one of the City's most beloved parks! Use this QR code for more information.



BUILDING ON SUCCESS – MAKING SANTA MONICA PARKLETS PERMANENT



After two years of a temporary program that allowed businesses to safely operate in the public right-of-way during COVID-19, the City Council unanimously passed the adoption of a permanent Parklet Program that supports continued outdoor dining, retail, and fitness programs.

In 2016, when the first three parklets popped up along Main Street, they were part of a public space experiment that had been trending in many cities across the country to demonstrate that streets can be used for more than just cars. Surveys showed that people loved the parklets and kept coming back to enjoy them. After observations, data collection, and an evaluation report, City Council directed the program team to expand the pilot to other parts of Santa Monica.

A lot has changed since then. With COVID-19 forcing a new way of doing business, City staff acted fast to establish a free, temporary outdoor program to support businesses during the pandemic while providing residents and visitors with a safe place to dine, exercise, shop, and hang out. Today there are over 90 parklets throughout the City and recent surveys show that there is still overwhelming support for them.

The permanent Santa Monica Outdoors Parklet Program will take effect **October 1, 2022**, and will provide standards for the construction of parklets to ensure universal access, safety, maintenance, and servicing of City assets. The parklet program will also include good neighbor requirements to help mitigate noise complaints. For more details about the new parklet program or to bring a parklet to your business, visit santamonica.gov/programs/parklets.

AMERICANA IN THE PARK RETURNS SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER!

Nothing feeds the soul quite like music. And nothing can possibly beat music outside! Santa Monica and McCabe's Guitar Shop are bringing back Americana in the Park to Gandara Park **every Sunday in September** from **4-7 p.m.** Each Americana in the Park concert will feature two family-friendly groups, food trucks, and a McCabe's Guitar Pop-Up Shop. This year's headliners include Guinean master kora player and vocalist Prince Diabaté & Friends, the bluegrass, Americana, country, and folk music of AJ Lee & Blue Summit, the alternative country sounds of I See Hawks in L.A., and the Chicano soul music of Little Willie G.

Everyone is invited to this free concert series. Bring your friends and family, a picnic, blanket, and beach chairs. Use this QR code for more information.



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BALANCED BUDGET ADOPTED FOR FY 2022-23



A balanced budget for FY 2022-23 was adopted that aligns with community priorities of a clean and safe community, addressing homelessness, and an equitable and inclusive economic recovery. The FY 2022-23 Budget allocates resources responsive to community feedback and consists of no-cost operational adjustments to improve service delivery for the community.

In addition to programs and services funded in FY 2021-22, the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget includes the launch of a supervised afterschool playtime program at all seven SMMUSD elementary schoolyards through one-time funds, restoration of sports fields at Clover and Memorial Parks, and a Paid Parental Leave Program for City staff. These restorations are supported by one-time funds and will require additional revenue streams in the future. Downtown investments

were also funded to enhance the resident, visitor, and business experience. These investments include the continuation of the Drone as First Responder program, Pier improvements, infrastructure enhancements, and the continued implementation of our comprehensive approach to address homelessness in downtown and across Santa Monica that balances immediate quality of life issues with longer-term solutions.

To expedite economic recovery, enhance public safety presence, and address homelessness, the City must seek a combination of new ongoing and one-time revenues, and has done so through the adoption of a resolution to place a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) measure on the **November 8, 2022** General Election ballot. Additional ballot measures related to Rent Control, Funding City Services, a Cannabis

Business License Tax, and Changes to the Personnel Board will also be considered.

As more funding is available, the City will continue to add services that the community has requested. For more information on the FY 2022-23 Balanced Budget, visit santamonica.gov/departments/finance.

FINANCIAL HEALTH

Moody's and Fitch Ratings have recently completed their review of the City's financial health and have maintained the City's General Obligation and Lease Revenue Bond ratings, affirming the City's strong AAA/Aaa credit rating.

DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM AIDES SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN COMMUNITY SAFETY

In November of 2021, the Santa Monica Police Department began testing a new program that utilizes Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) as a first responder to police calls for service. Although the department began its UAS Program in 2017, this program known as Drone as First Responder (DFR) is a progressive method of policing that has demonstrated the ability to increase officer and community safety, reduce overall police response times and decrease the call load for our field units.

The UAS, deployable at a moment's notice, utilizes a powerful on-board camera that streams HD video back to the department where the teleoperator, a police officer, not only controls the drone remotely, but communicates with the units in the field to give them information and tactical intelligence about what they are responding to.

In addition to the overhead perspective that traditional air support has always provided, DFR allows a trained officer to *virtually* arrive on scene first, sometimes minutes before officers are in harm's way. This early perspective allows the UAS operator to provide responding units with a clear picture of the event in progress and is a valuable de-escalation tool, providing real time situational awareness on what officers are actually about to encounter. The system can also livestream the video feed to the cell phones and tablets of first responders, supervisors, and command staff, allowing them to see exactly what the drone is seeing and provides the department real time management of incidents within the city.

The DFR Program has already proven to be successful here in Santa Monica, as well as in several neighboring cities in the Southern California region - Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Beverly Hills, and Chula Vista. For more information about the Santa Monica Police Department, visit santamonica.gov/departments/police.



THE FACTS ABOUT FENTANYL



Fentanyl is a prescription opioid and is highly addictive due to its potency. Many other illicit substances are often laced with fentanyl, creating an unexpected and deadly combination. Get the facts. Learn the signs to recognize an overdose and about life-saving resources from the CDC by scanning the QR code.

SANTA MONICA MOVES CLOSER TO SUSTAINABILITY GOALS (CONT'D)



OLYMPIC FIELD RESTORATION AND ARCADIA EXPANSION

The Olympic Well Field Restoration and Arcadia Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project is another project you should know. This project benefits the City's residents, the environment, and expands water treatment capacity from 10 million gallons per day (10 MGD), to 13 MGD. A new, dedicated water pipeline will connect Olympic Well Field to the Arcadia Plant to a new advanced water treatment facility to restore the Olympic Well Field. The innovative technology of Flow Reversal Reverse Osmosis, a first of its kind in the United States, will be used to make treatment more efficient as well as increase the treatment capacity.

This project may not look as exciting as a new playground (and there is a new playground, see page 2!), but it's success ensures that community gardens, kitchen sinks, and even public restrooms at the new playground stay beautiful and plentiful! And we encourage you to read about the project in detail by scanning the QR code here.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

There are currently four community gardens in Santa Monica: Euclid Community Garden, Ishihara Park Learning Garden, Main Street Community Garden, and Park Drive Community Garden. These beautiful gardens are meticulously and lovingly maintained by community members and volunteers; they produce food, conserve water, recycle and compost, beautify the City, and build community.

These gardens are popular. **Really popular.** And great news: based on input from the community, the City plans to establish a new community garden in Marine Park. Santa Monica residents who joined and spoke at recent community engagement meetings were clear and passionate about the positive effects the gardens have on the City, and now a new garden is on the way!

You can see the proposed layout of the new garden by scanning the QR code here. Because of your participation, the new garden will include individual Santa Monica Resident garden plots, a communal gardening space to ensure the local community is involved, dwarf fruit trees, pollinator attracting plants, a community composting program, picnic tables, and will host monthly programs aimed to interact with the greater community.



RESTORING OUR DUNES

Did you know Santa Monicans have saved endangered species? From 2015 to 2021, the City of Santa Monica has worked with The Bay Foundation, a local, non-profit environmental group, to restore acres of land on the north end of Santa Monica Beach, right across from the Annenberg Community Beach House, next to Lifeguard Tower 2. This land is a natural coastal habitat of several rare, endangered species. The five-year project had such outstanding participation from our community and such a positive impact on the land that some species, such as the Western Snowy Plover, were actually seen on Santa Monica Beach — for the first time in over 70 years!

Because this restoration project was so successful, a new phase of the project has been funded: five acres of sandy coastal habitat (next to the newly-restored three acres) will be transformed into a sustainable coastal strand and habitat that is resilient to sea-level rise. This project will be implemented over the next five years. And if you missed out on participating in the last one, you can be a part of this one!

You can join the community by volunteering: beach clean-ups, workshops, and winning awesome prizes are just a few pieces of what's in store for participants (yup, being a volunteer not only saves endangered species, it also means you can win prizes!). You can learn more by filling out the Friends of Santa Monica Beach Dunes Interest Form by scanning the QR code, or you can just sign up already! Take a look at the Heal the Bay event calendar and make the commitment: healthebay.org/events



If you've always wanted to participate in our community gardens, the City's community gardens host monthly events:

- On the **second Saturday of each month**, the Main Street Community Garden hosts *Birds in Our Community Gardens*, where Wild Birds Unlimited discusses raptors, songbirds, and other avian species that commonly — and sometimes uncommonly — visit our gardens. The next event is **September 10, 2022**.
- On the **third Saturday of each month**, the Ishihara Park Learning Garden hosts *Starting Your Fall/Winter Garden Seeds*, where you learn tips and techniques for getting your favorite fall and winter veggies started. The next event is **September 17, 2022**.

Check out the full list of public programs and events by scanning the QR code here.



WHAT'S NEXT?

To find out more about our sustainability programs, scan the QR code and join us for a staff presentation to City Council on **September 27** about the Sustainable City Plan and an update on some of our environmental sustainability efforts. You can also sign up for the Sustainable Santa Monica newsletter to learn about upcoming events and ways you can participate!



THE ROAD TO ZERO EMISSIONS



Ride blue, go green is not merely a motto, it's a mantra for the City of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus. Big Blue Bus is committed to fostering a healthy and resilient people, place, and planet, through the adoption of a clean energy bus fleet. Through the agency's conversion to a fully electric fleet and eliminating dependence on natural gas, Big Blue Bus aims to drastically lower its carbon footprint in the communities served. After becoming the first transit agency in Southern California to purchase buses with near-zero compressed natural gas (CNG) engines in 2014, and one of the country's first municipal transit agencies to convert its entire fleet to non-fracked, renewable natural gas (RNG) in 2015, Big Blue Bus is taking the next step toward preserving the environment and protecting our community.

In August 2019, the department rolled out the first battery electric bus (BEB) as part of a pilot program, designed to help staff evaluate the new technology. Since that date, the department has successfully deployed 18 additional BEBs, and plans to convert its entire fleet of 189 vehicles to zero emissions by 2030. As a public transit agency, Big Blue Bus has a responsibility to safely connect people to opportunities that enrich their well-being. This must be done in a manner that contributes to the preservation of people, place, and planet. This principle, along with state and local goals for zero emissions buses, has guided the important work toward strengthening the agency's commitment to sustainability and the environment.

Big Blue Bus is looking for customer service and safety-minded individuals to join its team! All positions offer a friendly and fast-paced work environment along with great benefits. For more details, visit santamonica.gov/jobs.

ZERO EMISSIONS BUILDING CODE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

Santa Monica recently released a draft of the 2023 Zero Emission Building Code. The policy requires new buildings to be all-electric. Existing buildings that are demolished and rebuilt would have to be in compliance, as well as detached ADUs. Equipment for medical uses and cooking appliances in commercial kitchens are exempt from the policy, though restaurants must also have sufficient electric capacity, wiring, and conduit to facilitate future full building electrification. If approved, the policy is expected to go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Throughout the State, there is a growing consensus that building electrification is the most viable and reliable path to zero-emission buildings. To date, over 58 California jurisdictions have adopted code enhancements that encourage or require all-electric buildings, establishing a statewide trend toward building electrification.

By “building it right” from the start, the City has an opportunity to shape carbon emissions of the future and essentially “lock in” zero emissions throughout the life cycle of these buildings. For more information, scan the QR code.



DRIVING ELECTRIC IN SANTA MONICA



With gas prices at an all-time high, now is a great time to drive electric, and the City of Santa Monica is working to make it easier to drive electric vehicles.

The City is excited to bring new EV charging stations to Santa Monica. To reduce charging time, 8 EVgo fast charging stations are now open at Lot 27 (5th St. between Santa Monica Blvd. and Arizona Ave.) and 4 new standard level 2 stations are open at several curbside locations (Los Amigos Park, Reed Park, Fairview Library, and California Ave. & 11th St.). These projects were funded in part by MSRC Clean Transportation Funding and are part of an ongoing effort to add EV charging stations in multi-

family neighborhoods and to provide charging infrastructure across the community.

If your building is interested in adding their own charging infrastructure, EV charger rebates are still available. You can apply to the Electrify Santa Monica Rebate program to earn up to \$1,500 to install an EV charger. Up to \$3,000 is available for qualified low-income rebate applicants. Residents of multi-family buildings (3+ units) and small businesses are eligible to apply.

Visit www.santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/electric-vehicles for more information and resources to help make the transition to electric.

MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING ENTERS PHASE TWO OF IMPLEMENTATION: AUTOMATIC ROLLOUT BY NEIGHBORHOOD

On January 1, 2022, the City of Santa Monica mandated organics recycling for all residential and commercial locations in compliance with a similar California state law called Senate Bill 1383, the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction legislation that aims to reduce methane gas emissions from landfills. The word *organics* includes all previously living materials, such as all food scraps, food-soiled (unlined and uncoated) paper products such as paper napkins and paper bags, natural fiber flatware such as wooden chopsticks and bamboo cutleries, yard cuttings, and landscape trimmings. Under the new City and State laws, organics can no longer go in the trash. They must be diverted from the landfill and placed into a green container instead.

Burying organics in landfills results in the release of methane gas into the atmosphere. Methane is up to 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide in its impact on climate change, while landfills are the third largest contributor of methane emission in California. Diverting organics out of landfills and to recycling operations where organics are recycled into renewable resources, such as compost, mulch, and renewable energy, is an environmentally sustainable solution. Additionally, recycling organics significantly moves Santa Monica toward its zero waste goal: discarding only 1.1 pounds of landfill trash per person per day by 2030.

Over the past year, the City’s Resource Recovery and Recycling Division has launched a comprehensive public education outreach campaign to promote organics recycling, and within the first few months of 2022, over 1,000 Santa Monica locations have voluntarily requested a green organics container. **Thank you, Santa Monica!**

As the next phase of implementation, the City will begin to automatically rollout this mandatory organics recycling program to all remaining Santa Monica locations that have not yet requested a green container. This means that each address that has not yet requested a green bin will begin automatically receiving one, one neighborhood at a time. Before a green container is delivered, the property owner and all tenants at that location will receive a postcard in the mail informing them of the green container’s arrival and its proper usage. All new green containers will also come with English and Spanish educational decals. Once a green container is delivered, the Zero Waste Team follows up with additional educational materials and offers free on-site consultation on how and what to recycle.

If you have any questions about the City’s organics recycling program, please contact the City at zerowaste@santamonica.gov, or at **(866) 311-7266**.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Community events and Holiday schedule for trash, recycling, street sweeping and Christmas tree collection services: SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2022.

**Participation in special events is open to Santa Monica residents only.*

September 5: Labor Day

No street sweeping; solid waste collection delayed for one day throughout the week

September 10: Free compost and kitchen food scraps container giveaway*

City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

October 15: Free used motor oil recycling and oil filter giveaway*

O’Reilly, 2018 Lincoln Blvd., 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

November 12: Free recycling event* (paper shredding and recycling of e-waste, used mattresses, box springs, and carpets)

City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Holiday

No street sweeping; solid waste collection delayed for one day throughout the week

December 10: Free compost and kitchen food scraps container giveaway*

City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

December 26: Christmas holiday observed

No street sweeping; solid waste collection delayed for one day throughout the week

December 26–January 26: Holiday tree collection and recycling

Place tree next to solid waste containers (do not block containers)

SANTA MONICA VOTES ON NOVEMBER 8

Santa Monica voters will cast their ballots in the City's General Municipal Election concluding on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. While most City candidates have qualified for the ballot, interested candidates can still file as a Write-In Candidate to be a member of the City Council, Rent Control Board, School Board or College Board between **September 12–October 25**. The process to qualify to be a Write-In Candidate is the same for all candidates except that they will be unable to submit a Candidate Statement for Los Angeles County's Official Sample Ballot. Candidates should contact the City Clerk's Office at clerk@santamonica.gov or **(310) 458-8211** to make an appointment to pick up Nomination Forms and learn about the process. For information on local candidates and measures that have qualified for the November ballot and other election resources, visit santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/elections.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOTERS

October 10–November 1: Period when Vote-By-Mail ballots are mailed to voters, and Ballot Drop-Boxes are opened to receive ballots. Drop-Boxes are at the Main Library (Santa Monica/7th St.), Montana Branch Library (Montana, between 17th St. and 17th Pl.), Virginia Avenue Park (Virginia Ave. Parking Lot) and Marine Park (Marine/Margaret Ln.).

October 24: Last day to register to vote in order to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot. After this date, those eligible to register to vote may register in-person at a Vote Center.

October 29: 11-Day Vote Centers open between 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

November 5: Additional 4-Day Vote Centers open between 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

November 8: Election Day and all Vote Centers open between 7:00 a.m.–8 p.m. Ballot Drop-Boxes all close at 8 p.m.

December 6 (Tentative): Special City Council meeting in Council Chambers to swear-in elected officers (time to be determined).

For a complete list of Ballot Drop-Boxes, Vote Centers locations and other opportunities to register and vote in Los Angeles County, visit lavote.gov.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



September is National Preparedness month, and every year the City of Santa Monica raises awareness about the importance of being ready for any disaster. The Santa Monica theme for 2022 is *Be Involved!* This year, we encourage our SaMo community to prepare for any emergencies for up to seven days, in their home, workplace, and/or car.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers from our community have played a critical role in deploying emergency food assistance, vaccines, and support services to our community, and one of the best tools in your

toolkit is to *Be Involved* to enhance your readiness. We can save lives by taking simple actions to prepare our community/organization for a disaster before one strikes:

1. BE INFORMED

Sign up for SMAAlerts for emergency notifications and/or to update your contact information, visit santamonica.gov/alerts.

2. TRAIN AND EDUCATE

The City offers free trainings and education tools to train yourself and others about the best ways to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster or emergency.

3. GET INVOLVED WITH A LOCAL VOLUNTEER GROUP

Teens, persons with access and functional needs, kids, and pets all have specific needs during emergencies, and the best way to stay ready is to be engaged with your local volunteer groups, such as the Santa Monica Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Santa Monica CERT training program is celebrating 10 years of providing community-based volunteer support for emergency and non-emergency disasters. Since 2012, over 400 trained and certified CERT volunteers have lived and/or worked in our community, and the volunteers would benefit from you being involved! For more information about the Santa Monica CERT training and how to sign-up for the free training, visit santamonica.gov, and search *How to Join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)*.

4. STAY CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

When community-based organizations, such as food pantries, daycares, and non-profits are unable to sustain operations during an emergency, individuals who rely on them are exponentially impacted. Because of their importance in keeping the community going, these organizations provide trainings to empower their community to prepare for incidents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Whether you are thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, help is available 24/7. Call or text **988** to connect with someone at the Suicide Prevention Lifeline (suicidepreventionlifeline.org). LA County Department of Mental Health also offers help and resources at dmh.lacounty.gov.

2023–27 HUMAN SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Santa Monica's Human Services Grants Program (HSGP) provides approximately \$8 million in annual funding for services offered by nonprofit organizations that respond to clearly identified community needs in Santa Monica and advance the City's priorities. The program aims to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of Santa Monica's youth and families, people with disabilities, seniors, victims of domestic violence, low-income households, and people experiencing homelessness. HSGP funding levels are approved by Council annually as part of

the adoption of the City's budget. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2023–27 Human Services Grants Program (HSGP) will be released in late 2022 inviting qualified non-profit organizations to apply for funding. Visit santamonica.gov/human-services-grants-program for more info.

DOGS ON THE BEACH

Remember, in Santa Monica, dogs are allowed on beach boardwalks as long as they are leashed, but not on the beach/sand itself. To keep both our furry friends and beach safe, please follow these dos and don'ts:

DO:

- ✓ Keep your dog leashed
- ✓ Pick up after your dog
- ✓ Play with your dog in one of the City's dog parks
- ✓ Allow your dog on paved pedestrian walking paths

DON'T:

- ✗ Allow your dog (except legal service animals) on the beach itself
- ✗ Allow your dog in bike paths

DOGS PROHIBITED ON SAND



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FALL FUN AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE



THE POOL

Recreation swim continues **weekends through September** from **11 a.m.–5 p.m.** Passes go on sale at 10 a.m. All members of your party must be present when purchasing passes.

FLOATING FITNESS WORKOUT

The Floating Fitness Workout is an outdoor, full-body fitness workout that builds strength, deepens flexibility, and improves balance and coordination. Classes incorporate elements of HIIT, calisthenics, and standup paddle boarding that enhance the benefits of traditional training for a high intensity, low impact workout. Floating Fitness Workouts are done in the pool, on a floating training platform that creates a safe instability and provides a dynamic exercise experience. Fall classes are schedule for **September 10, 17, 24** and **October 1**.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD CLASSES

Standup Paddle Board classes continue

Saturdays in September. Classes are led by experienced instructors who will teach the basics of standup paddling. Fall classes are scheduled for **September 10, 17, 24** and **October 1**.

MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOURS

The Santa Monica Conservancy continues free docent-led tours of the Marion Davies Guest House, sharing the unique history of the site and the fascinating individuals who shaped the Beach House legacy. Tours are offered **Friday through Monday** from **12–2 p.m.**

PLANNING AN EVENT?

Let the Beach House set the scene for your next meeting, retreat, or celebration with event space offering both historic Hollywood glamour and modern coastal California style. Visit annenbergbeachhouse.com/plan-your-event or call at **(310)458-4934**.

For events, dates, hours, newsletters, and fees

visit annenbergbeachhouse.com. Make sure to follow us on Twitter [@SMBeachHouse](https://twitter.com/SMBeachHouse), Instagram at [@AnnenbergCommunityBeachHouse](https://www.instagram.com/AnnenbergCommunityBeachHouse) and Facebook [@AnnenbergBeachHouse](https://www.facebook.com/AnnenbergBeachHouse) or call **(310)458-4904** for more information.

The Annenberg Community Beach House at Santa Monica State Beach is operated by the City of Santa Monica. The Beach House is made possible by a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation, at the direction of Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with the City of Santa Monica and California State Parks. Additional funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

EXERCISE, LEARN & PLAY THIS FALL WITH SANTA MONICA RECREATION

Looking for something fun and exciting to do this Fall? Consider taking a recreational class! Take your pick from youth art, foreign language, parent and me, music, science and engineering, tennis, soccer, baseball, and dance classes. Adult classes include tennis, yoga, dance, and art. Go to santamonica.gov/recscape to learn more and register.

SWIM CENTER HAPPENINGS

Learn to Swim at the Santa Monica Swim Center! Classes start **September 12** with weekday and Saturday afternoon sessions available. Registration begins **August 10**. Already know how to swim? Dive into your fitness routines with the Swim Center's wet water workouts! Instructor led aquatic fitness classes for all levels of swimming abilities are available weekly, **Monday–Thursday and Saturdays**. Are you thinking about becoming a lifeguard but don't have the training? The Swim Center has you covered! American Red Cross Lifeguarding and Water Safety Instructor certification classes begin this **September**. For more information visit santamonicaswimcenter.org.

MEMORIAL PARK FITNESS ROOM

Come visit the Memorial Park Fitness Room for an easy-going gym experience with great equipment and no membership required! The Fitness Room is located at **Memorial Park, 1401 Olympic Blvd.** Up to three hours of free parking is available at Memorial Park. For more information, visit smgov.net/fitnessroom or call **(310)458-8237**.



LOCALS' NIGHT RETURNS ON THE PIER

On **September 15**, the Santa Monica Pier will resume monthly Locals' Nights! Join your fellow Santa Monicans on the Pier **every third Thursday** from **September through May** from **3–10 p.m.**

September's Locals' Night will feature 5¢ rides on the Merry Go-Round to celebrate the antique horses turning 100 years old, as well as the opening night of the annual free production of the *Save the Pier!* play. 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the events which galvanized locals into the grassroots community action to save the Santa Monica Pier from demolition so that it could become the landmark we know and love today. What more fitting way to celebrate this pivotal time in history than Locals' Night!

Other featured events will include youth activities, a car show, local DJs and live music from local bands, art exhibits, Pier business discounts, and so much more! Gather your friends and family and head on down to the Pier! You really won't want to miss this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind with them all while celebrating Santa Monica. You might even run into a neighbor or two!

For more information check our website: santamonicipier.org/localsnight



AN UPDATE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is still a crisis across LA County, but we're working to address it daily. The results of our 2022 Homeless Count showed that our efforts helped prevent a dramatic increase in street homelessness, despite an 11% reduction in local shelter capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions. Santa Monica's goal is to create permanent solutions for housing and prevention of homelessness as well as identify new resources to support behavioral health while responding to immediate public health and quality-of-life issues. The City's comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness includes outreach efforts, providing behavioral healthcare, maintaining safe public spaces, housing, and more.

OUTREACH

The City has invested in interventions to deliver help right where people need it. These interventions include 3 City-funded, full-time multidisciplinary teams that go beyond traditional homeless outreach to provide medical and behavioral care, while also connecting participants to longer-term supportive services. Multidisciplinary teams are staffed by licensed mental health professionals, housing case managers, substance-use specialists, licensed medical providers, psychiatrists, and peers with lived experience.

In 2021, the 3 City-funded multidisciplinary teams made more than 11,000 contacts with people experiencing homelessness and provided direct medical or psychiatric services to 808 participants. In 2021, those teams also placed 57 people into interim housing and 24 individuals into permanent housing.

Last year, the City added new experts to the field when the Santa Monica Fire Department launched its Community Response Unit (CRU) with the goal of improving the safety, health, and wellbeing of our community's most vulnerable populations. The CRU is a force multiplier among the City's network of service providers and adds value by being embedded in our 9-1-1 response and better assisting and connecting our community's vulnerable populations to the services they need.

From September 2021 to April 2022, the CRU responded to 300 calls for service, with 196 of those involving people experiencing homelessness. Handling calls in this manner has freed up front line Paramedic Fire Engine Companies 164 times, keeping those resources available for more urgent calls.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

Providing access to behavioral health care for housed and unhoused residents is a top priority for Santa Monica. This effort is part of a multi-faceted approach toward long-term solutions to help people experiencing homelessness within the community. To address behavioral healthcare needs, the City secured \$11.5 million in local funds for behavioral health services and programs. This allowed for the creation of a therapeutic transport van which will be deployed through a partnership with the LA County Department of Mental Health.

Additionally, the City is preparing to initiate a community process to develop a comprehensive behavioral health strategy that will include assessing the feasibility of a 24/7 behavioral health center.

MAINTAINING SAFE PUBLIC SPACES

Our community must remain beautiful, safe, and clean for everyone. Equitable access to open spaces is made possible by mobilizing City staff, Downtown Santa Monica (DTSM) Ambassadors, and monitoring areas to help maintain our parks and public spaces. We're also adding increased patrols in parks and public spaces, continued camera monitoring in key

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REASON TO REACH OUT

If someone is experiencing a medical emergency or if there's an immediate threat to someone's life or safety.

LA-HOP.org

Submit a request for homeless outreach assistance using the LA Homeless Outreach Portal.

(800) 854-7771

If someone is experiencing a psychiatric/mental health crisis, contact the Department of Mental Health.

(310) 458-8491

For non-emergency police and fire response in Santa Monica.

3-1-1 or 311@santamonica.gov

Submit a Santa Monica specific request for service like trash pickup.

hotspots for public safety, and increased levels of cleanliness and safety in public spaces citywide by dedicated staff in Public Works.

HOUSING

Reducing homelessness isn't just about providing housing for people who are currently homeless, but is also about making sure that Santa Monica residents receive the support they need to not end up homeless. We've been working on providing rental and legal assistance to residents, as well as moving people from interim housing to permanent housing. Our long-term goals also include making new, affordable housing units available and providing more emergency housing vouchers to those who need them. Here is the progress that is being made with regard to housing in Santa Monica:

- Over \$36.6 million in state rental assistance went to Santa Monica renters to prevent homelessness since the COVID-19 pandemic began
- In 2021, 57 people contacted on Santa Monica streets were moved into interim housing, and 24 were placed into permanent housing
- 100 new federal Emergency Housing Vouchers were secured
- Legal assistance was provided to over 590 Santa Monica households to ensure residents can stay in their homes
- 134 new affordable residences opened
- 191 additional affordable housing units are currently in development

LOOKING AHEAD

Innovation is key as we look towards the future in helping the homelessness crisis and we're actively finding approaches and funding to provide even more support to people experiencing homelessness. In response to the City staff's recent and comprehensive update on homelessness, the Santa Monica City Council took immediate action by providing \$200,000 for additional legal and support services to prevent evictions, and by updating the City's affordable housing waitlist to place Emergency Housing Voucher holders at the top of the list to access available housing.

As additional funds are identified, more short- and long-term means of support will be considered. Keep checking the website and follow us on social media for the latest updates.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council Meetings

September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8 & November 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Audit Subcommittee

November 15 at 6 p.m.

Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces

This list includes all scheduled meetings as of our printing deadline. Times, locations, and meeting dates may change due to COVID-19 protocols and/or reopening schedules. For the latest updates and information regarding all Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces, go to www.smgov.net/boards or call (310) 458-8211.

Architectural Review Board

September 19 & October 17 at 7 p.m.

Arts Commission

October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Clean Beaches & Ocean Committee

November 9 at 6:30pm.

Disabilities Commission

September 5 & October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Housing Commission

September 1, October 6 & November 3 at 6 p.m.

Landmarks Commission

September 12 & November 21 at 7 p.m.

Library Board

September 8 & November 10 at 6 p.m.

Personnel Board

September 29, October 27 & November 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

September 7, September 21, October 5, October 19, November 2 & November 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission

September 8, October 13 & November 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Commission

September 15, October 20 & November 17 at 7 p.m.

Rent Control Board

September 8, October 13 & November 10 at 7 p.m.

Sustainability, Environmental Justice, and the Environment

September 19 & October 17 at 7 p.m.

Urban Task Force

September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

City Facility Information

All City facilities are open, and we are here to serve you! For the latest hours and information, visit santamonica.gov/places or call 3-1-1 to speak with a City Hall operator.

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