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COLLECTIVE IMPACT: THRIVING FROM BIRTH TO ADULTHOOD



In 2011, after a series of tragic incidents involving Santa Monica youth, a group came together that included concerned community members, service providers, the School District, Santa Monica College, and the City with the goal of better understanding issues impacting Santa Monica youth. What started as an effort to address youth violence and mental health quickly transitioned into Santa Monica Cradle to Career (SMC2C), a collective impact initiative focused on ensuring that every child in Santa Monica has the ability to succeed in school and beyond. SMC2C first sought to gain an objective, shared understanding of the challenges that children and their families were facing in Santa Monica through consistent data collection and analysis.

Recognizing that no one entity or individual can successfully tackle these complex issues alone, SMC2C adopted action strategies based on the principles of collective impact and started to measure what was happening in our community through a Youth Wellbeing Report Card. The Youth Wellbeing Report Card organizes data into four key areas:

- Learning & Academic Achievement
- Physical Health & Development
- Social Skills & Confidence
- Emotional Maturity & Mental Health

The Youth Wellbeing Report Card revealed findings related to our youths' ability to learn and thrive:

1. Not all children are ready for kindergarten.
2. SMMUSD has a very high graduation rate, but there are significant mental health and substance use concerns among teens.

Working together, the SMC2C coordinates support services, evaluates relevant policies and programming, collects and evaluates data, coordinates crisis interventions, and works to increase the overall wellbeing of our children. Central to our efforts is identifying and addressing the multiple interconnected barriers that create disparities for youth and families in our community. By building connections for all Santa Monicans to play a role in the success of young people and their families, SMC2C increases our capacity to support our youth in their educational growth and transition to become successful adults.



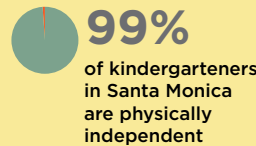
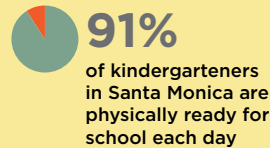
City Council's Strategic Goal "Learn + Thrive" focuses on ensuring everyone in our community has an opportunity to "Learn + Thrive" with kindergarten readiness being an initial performance metric. By increasing the number of children who are on track for kindergarten, we will ensure that these children do not fall behind over the course of their academic career.

Cradle to Career Initiative working to impact these 4 goal areas: Improving Kindergarten Readiness, Supporting Behavioral Health, Improving College and Career Readiness, and Supporting Vulnerable Youth and Families

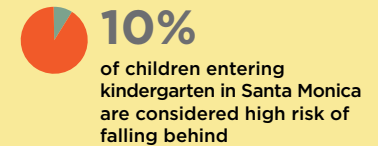
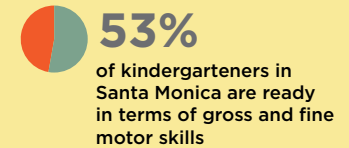
KINDERGARTEN READINESS/ EARLY CHILDHOOD

The SMC2C Kindergarten Readiness Workgroup convenes regularly to move the Building Blocks Campaign forward, a key component of the Learn + Thrive initiative. This group focuses on the wellbeing of children from prenatal to five years old and incorporates digital engagement strategies to expand awareness. The campaign helps parents, educators, early child care providers and other community partners to work together to make sure all Santa Monica children start Kindergarten ready to learn, inside and outside the classroom.

Strengths



Concerns



SOURCE: UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, & Communities healthychild.ucla.edu/pages/teccs

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In partnership with SMMUSD's PTA Council, members of SMC2C's behavioral health workgroup recently conducted a series of substance use informational sessions for parents and students across school sites. The content of the workshops ranged from learning the signs and symptoms of adolescent substance use, to teaching practical harm reduction techniques, and offered parents and students a list of local resources. In addition, St. Joseph Center's Youth Resource Team case managers



Eliana

partnered with Olympic High School and the Off Campus Learning Center to provide weekly peer support groups for any student interested in participating. This partnership created a safe space for youth to hang out, eat, engage in community building activities and have open dialogues and conversations around relevant themes on campus and in the community.

One contributor to the behavioral health of her peers is **Eliana**. She graduated from Santa Monica High School in 2018 and is now attending University of California Irvine. Because of her own experiences as a student trying to access appropriate wellness support on campus, she co-founded Samohi's Student Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG). Since 2016-17, SWAG has spearheaded several health and wellness campaigns on campus and continues to advocate for student wellness at Samohi and in the district.

Depression and Substance Abuse in Students

Students who report they experienced significant periods of extreme sadness and hopelessness over the previous 12 months. Reported rates of substance use are within the last 30 days.

RATE OF DEPRESSION

RATE OF SUBSTANCE USE

SUICIDE IDEATION RATE

Youth who have seriously contemplated suicide in the last 12 months.

	7th GRADE	9th GRADE	11th GRADE
RATE OF DEPRESSION	17%	30%	37%
RATE OF SUBSTANCE USE	4%	21%	37%
SUICIDE IDEATION RATE	NOT AVAILABLE	20	14

OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL

RATE OF DEPRESSION
50%

RATE OF SUBSTANCE USE
50%

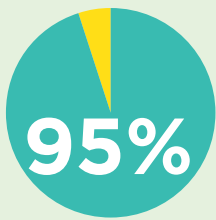
SUICIDE IDEATION RATE
27%

SOURCE: 2017-2018 California Health Kids Survey santamoniacradletocareer.org

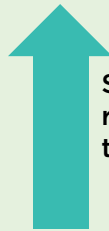
COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

In an effort to improve dual and concurrent enrollment rates for SMMUSD students, SMC2C launched a Summer Pilot Program bringing the college to the community. High school participants from Santa Monica's Out of School Time Enrichment programs at Virginia Avenue Park (VAP), Police Activities League (PAL), and the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica had the college come to them with an introductory personal finance business course offered at the VAP Teen Center. For many of the students, it was their first time taking a college course, and they learned practical financial literacy skills. This opportunity helped create additional post-secondary pathways for a diverse group of students.

Another program benefitting our high school youth is the Youth Resource Team (YRT). **Kasai** is a senior at Santa Monica High School, and he has thrived under the program. Not only is Kasai college-bound, he is a passionate activist and has taken on a leadership role amongst his peers, both at school and in the community.



of SMMUSD Santa Monica High School students graduated in 2017



SMMUSD graduation rates are **HIGHER** than the national average.

SOURCE: CA School Dashboard caschooldashboard.org/#/19649801938000/2/EquityReport

A community thrives when its children thrive. For more information about **Santa Monica Cradle to Career**, including the **Youth Wellbeing Report Card** and upcoming meetings, visit SantaMonicaCradletoCareer.org.

SMC2C Partners

- Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica
- Early Childhood Task Force
- Chrysalis
- City of Santa Monica
- CLARE Foundation/Matrix
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Connections For Children
- Community Corporation of Santa Monica
- Community for Excellent Public Schools
- Familias Latinas Unidas
- Family Service of Santa Monica
- First 5 LA
- The Growing Place
- Hospitality Training Academy
- Jewish Vocational Services
- Legal Aid Foundation

- Los Angeles
- Lifelong Learning Community
- Parent Connection Group
- The People Concern
- Pico Neighborhood Association
- Pico Youth & Family Center
- Providence Saint John's Child & Family Development Center
- Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
- St Joseph Center
- Santa Monica College
- Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
- Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council
- Social Services Commission
- Upward Bound House
- Venice Family Clinic

UPDATE FROM CHIEF CYNTHIA RENAUD

Greetings, Santa Monica! It seems like only a few weeks ago I was writing to introduce myself as your new Chief of Police, yet it's actually been about four months now. In that time, I have been working hard to meet community members, attend a multitude of neighborhood meetings, and liaise with our business groups. If you haven't seen me around town or had an opportunity to talk, just wait - I'm sure we'll bump into each other soon! I could spend pages telling you what we've been doing recently here at Santa Monica PD, but I was only given 400 words in this Seascape column, so bear with me! Here goes the quickest review ever.

As I've been talking with people, I have stressed that our organization is focused on achieving the following outcomes: combat crime; reduce homelessness; improve traffic safety and mobility. In order to achieve these outcomes, we need three, main things: **1) Santa Monica Police Department employees in place to get the job done; 2) an engaged, educated community armed with the knowledge they need to be part of our solutions; 3) a strong reliance on the most appropriate technologies that can help us do our jobs faster and more effectively.**

Santa Monica PD has been working hard to fill its employee vacancies. In June, we put three new police officers in the field. Three recruits will graduate the Police Academy in October, we anticipate hiring five lateral police officers by mid-September, and we have 46 applicants in the various stages of the overall hiring process. We have also hired three Animal Control Officers, one Public Services Officer, one Custody Officer and one Pier and Harbor Services Officer. We have begun using a new software that allows us to streamline our process and shave months off our hiring timeline, while still maintaining our high standards in attaining the diverse workforce best capable of serving this community.



Cynthia Renaud
SANTA MONICA CHIEF OF POLICE

We have increased our number of resources in Patrol Operations and I know that many people tell me they "see more of us" around town and in their neighborhoods. We have deployed our Mobile Command Unit (#OptimusCrime) to Reed Park and Palisades Park to combat issues there. We began our "Wag and Watch" program to increase citizen involvement and awareness, and, of course, we have been working on scooter safety. With all that, we are still battling property crime, particularly break-ins to vehicles and crimes of larceny. Please help us decrease crime by not leaving valuables in your car and keeping your car locked at all times! We will not be able to reduce crime until we reduce the crimes of opportunity our city offers.

The ever-present struggle with homelessness here in Santa Monica is an incredibly difficult issue to dissect and solve, as it ultimately involves human beings and their individual situations. While the Police Department's core mission is to enforce laws, we know that we have to be part of a comprehensive solution to this human issue. To that end, we continue to work closely with Alisa Orduña, our city's Senior Advisor on Homelessness, to help bridge the gap between the myriad of social service providers, mental health professionals, and addiction counselors working to end this complex crisis.

If you are reading this and are left thinking of all the things not discussed here, please know that I am already well over my 400-word limit, so you can visit our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more news on SMPD!



REACHING OUT TO HELP THE HOMELESS

Thanks to L.A. County voter-approved Measure H and significant investments by the City of Santa Monica, today there are more homeless outreach teams working in Santa Monica than ever before. For people who are living outside or in their cars, and in public spaces like the beach, parks and libraries, outreach teams are the important first connection to help people reestablish housing.

In the past two years, the City of Santa Monica launched two new teams with local nonprofit The People Concern and L.A. County Department of Health Services. The Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team (HMST) takes traditional medical and behavioral health services out of the office and to the streets, serving a group of individuals identified by City officials as the highest utilizers of local emergency services. The C3 Team (City + County + Community) outreaches to homeless individuals in the Downtown Santa Monica area and adjacent parks. Recognizing that every person experiencing homelessness has a unique story, outreach teams specialize care plans for each individual and coordinate with regional partners to get people into housing.

Between these two new City-funded teams, 12 full-time staff members are out in the community and engaging people experiencing homelessness, referring people to resources and providing essential care, with the ultimate goal of connecting the homeless to safe, affordable housing.

To date, HMST has engaged **31** high utilizers, placing **25** into interim/bridge housing, and C3 has engaged **557** homeless individuals in Downtown Santa Monica.

Additional multidisciplinary teams funded through L.A. County Measure H and operated by local nonprofit St. Joseph Center are also at work in Santa Monica, engaging homeless individuals on the City's streets and in public spaces. For more information on the collaborative local and regional efforts to address homelessness, including ways you can get involved, please visit wearesantamonica.gov and homeless.lacounty.gov.



“Willy” was one of the very first people the C3 Team engaged in March. Willy has been homeless for over 3 years and has lived on the streets of Santa Monica since his mother was placed into a nursing facility. During that time, Willy has worked with C3 to get his ID, get connected to a primary care physician with Venice Family Clinic, and obtain public benefits. Willy has an interview for bridge housing and will soon be connected to a housing team.

TAKING ACTION: THE PICO WELLBEING PROJECT



The Pico Wellbeing Project (PWP) is a collaborative effort of the community, the Office of Civic Wellbeing, the Planning and Community Development Department, and the Santa Monica Public Library. It is built around the dimensions of the Wellbeing Index which include: Health, Economic Opportunity, Learning, Community, and Place and Planet. Through the Project, community members in the Pico neighborhood identify challenges and co-create solutions to improve quality of life.

the most pressing challenges the community faces. More than 1,000 ideas to strengthen the neighborhood were generated at the event, ranging from proposed partnerships with Santa Monica College, to exploring safer bike and traffic routes.

The City is working to develop new and creative partnerships with the community. For example, Wellbeing Microgrants are one pilot program designed to support this goal. These small-scale, resident-led projects focus on one or more of the findings from the Community dimension of the Wellbeing Index.

The time to participate in the Pico Wellbeing Project is now! If you have any suggestions for the Pico neighborhood or would like to find out about upcoming opportunities to participate, please visit picowellbeing.smgov.net.



In January 2018, the City Council directed Staff to develop an inclusive and action-oriented project focused on the Pico neighborhood. The PWP will include an examination of City zoning and land use regulations in the neighborhood and on Pico Boulevard. The project is based on the understanding that any potential zoning changes should also be accompanied by more comprehensive actions to address complex issues.

With the participation of more than 70 community members, the PWP had a successful launch at Virginia Avenue Park on June 30, 2018. This Community Workshop offered residents, business owners and other stakeholders in the Pico neighborhood an opportunity to address

Engaging the Community

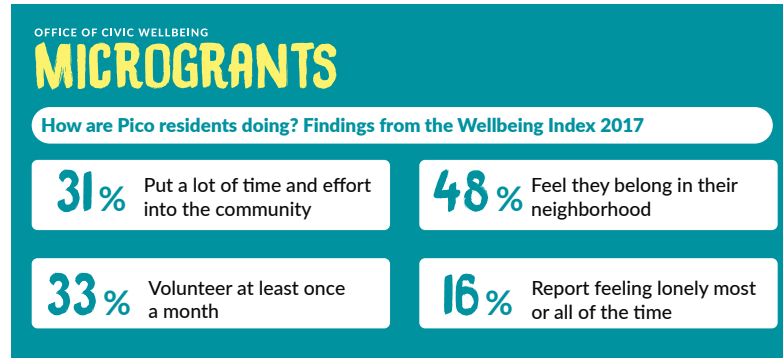
The Pico Wellbeing Project is using the Wellbeing Index to create a different approach to community engagement. The Community Clothesline Pop-Ups and Coffee Chats at various public spaces around the neighborhood have created opportunities for residents to brainstorm collectively and share ideas for improving wellbeing in the Pico neighborhood.

HOW A MICROGRANT IMPROVES COMMUNITY

Wellbeing Microgrants are a new effort from the City to engage and support Santa Monica residents looking to make a positive change in their community. The Office of Civic Wellbeing launched the Microgrants pilot program in Fall 2018, providing \$500 to implement ideas that are focused on small-scale, resident-driven action to help people feel more connected to their neighborhood.

Through the application process, Microgrant applicants were encouraged to develop project ideas that would cross generations, build a sense of neighborhood belonging, and create opportunities for friends and neighbors to get together. The applicants were asked to address known community issues of trust, loneliness, inclusivity and social interactions. Findings from the Wellbeing Index informed the decision to focus the pilot program specifically on the Pico neighborhood of Santa Monica.

A total of eight projects were selected for the Wellbeing Microgrants pilot. Each offers a unique approach to community-building, though some common themes did surface, including amplifying intercultural dialog, using food as a way to bring people together, turning underutilized spaces into community resources, and using skill training as a way to combat loneliness. The leaders of each project also measure how well they're meeting their goals by intentionally surveying participants and tracking progress.



We received many excellent applications this pilot round, and the level of interest expressed is a testament to the number of residents who are ready to take action to strengthen their community. Given this energy, we are optimistic about both the success of future resident-led projects and the opportunity to expand the Microgrants, so that Santa Monicans citywide can pursue innovative strategies to improve wellbeing. While the first group of Microgrants seeks to improve the Community dimension, future Microgrants may focus on different dimensions of the Wellbeing Index (Health, Place and Planet, Learning, Economic Opportunity).

For more information about current Wellbeing Microgrant projects and to find out about future opportunities, please visit wellbeing.smgov.net/microgrants.

SANTA MONICA KICKS OFF SHARED MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Santa Monica has selected Bird, Jump, Lime and Lyft as the four operators to participate in the City's pilot program set to kick off on September 17, 2018. This pilot program builds upon the City's existing Breeze Bike Share system, and expands Santa Monica's commitment to be a truly multi-modal community that offers residents and visitors a variety of sustainable and convenient transportation options.

Each of the four selected operators will begin the pilot with an initial allocation of 750 devices each, totaling 1,000 e-bikes and 2,000 e-scooters.

SHARED MOBILITY	BIRD	JUMP	LIME	LYFT
E-SCOOTERS	750	250	750	250
E-BIKES	0	500	0	500
TOTAL DEVICES	750	750	750	750

These devices will complement Santa Monica's existing network of human-powered Breeze bikes. Operated by CycleHop, Breeze has a fleet of 500 bikes throughout



the community.

The pilot program has been designed to develop an effective model to regulate these new shared transportation options to ensure compliance with applicable laws while promoting health and safety. It is part of the City Council's strategic goal to promote a multi-modal city and pairs with the Council's adoption of innovative Vision Zero approaches, to ensure public safety and work to eliminate roadway collisions.

"The selected companies bring a wide range of local, national and international experience that will contribute to a comprehensive and informative pilot program," said Director of Planning and Community Development David Martin. "The City looks forward to working closely with each of these operators to identify innovative solutions that help create a viable, well-operated, long-term shared mobility program in Santa Monica."

For more information about Santa Monica's shared mobility program or the selection process, visit smgov.net/sharedmobility.

CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH CHILD CARE:

How Martha Helps Working Parents Get Affordable Child Care



Some 20 years ago, Martha walked into the offices of her new job at the non-profit Connections For Children. She was wary of working in an office environment with all the phone-answering and paper-shuffling, but she was determined to make it work in order to help support her parents. Martha is a helper through and through, and always has been.

Today that helping instinct informs her work as the manager of the child care subsidy program at Connections For Children, where she champions working parents by helping them find affordable child care.

It is within those four walls that she's found a purpose that extends throughout Santa Monica and west L.A.

CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN: SOLVING THE WORK / CHILD CARE CONUNDRUM

A huge source of stress for many parents and caregivers is the challenge of paying for child care, so that they can work and provide financially for themselves and their children. The high cost leaves many parents stuck between a rock and a hard place, a conundrum made all the harder by living in a region already marked by a high cost of living.

Connections For Children helps solve that problem by connecting caregivers to affordable child care providers. Connections For Children also offers workshops and training for parents and caregivers, equipping them with the best tools possible for child-raising. This helps ensure that kids are ready when the time comes to start school, which is a goal Santa Monica has for all children who live here.

COLLABORATION IS KEY

Connections For Children works collaboratively with other supportive agencies in the City, like Family Services of Santa Monica and Community Corporation of Santa Monica, to ensure families get the holistic and multi-pronged support they need to raise their children well.

This interagency collaboration makes a difference in people's lives in a way that moves Martha to tears. It wasn't long ago that she worked with a single woman who had made the brave decision to foster a young child all on her own. This child's life had been marked by unthinkable trauma, a fact that might be daunting to many potential caregivers. But this foster mother persevered, and Connections For Children, along with Santa Monica Family Services, stepped in to give her the resources and support she needed. As a result, she didn't have to turn the child away. Martha says, "Because of the support she had, this child has flourished and he's developed in many ways.



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He's with regular kids. He's not being bullied anymore... It's amazing."

She still keeps in touch with this family. It's clear this foster mother and child have made an impact on her. Just as Connections For Children has made an impact on them.



T-SHIRTS, STICKERS, AND PINS, OH MY!

Are you proud to be a Santa Monican? For a limited time, visit weare.santamonica.gov to request your free "We Are Santa Monica" pins and stickers! The first 200 responses will receive a free "We Are Santa Monica" t-shirt. Look out for more free gear at events this year. Limit one per address. Santa Monica address required.

EXPANDED BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

In August, Santa Monica City Council approved a revision to the 2007 Nonrecyclable Plastic Food Service Container Ordinance. This revision expands the list of banned plastics to include all single-use plastics for prepared foods, including straws, lids, utensils, plates, bowls, trays, containers, stirrers, cups and lid plugs. This vote aligns with the City’s sustainability goals and long-standing commitment to the environment, which includes a goal to achieve zero waste through diversion, composting and recycling by 2030.

“As a beach city, our use of single-use plastics pose serious problems for the natural environment, including polluting the ocean and clogging landfills,” said Chief Sustainability Officer Dean Kubani. “With this vote, the City Council ensures that Santa Monica continues to lead efforts to protect the environment by being one of the first cities to ban all plastic food serviceware, including cups and lids.”

DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICWARE AT A GLANCE		NEW ORDINANCE	
Material/Food Serviceware Type	Existing Ordinance	Food Serviceware Allowed	Accommodations for Disabilities
Plastic #1-5 (Polyethylene, Polypropylene) Plates, Bowls, Trays, Hinged/Lidded Containers, Stirrers, Lids Plugs, Utensils, Cups, Lids	✓	✗	✗
Plastic #1-5 (Polyethylene, Polypropylene) Straws	✓	✗	✓
Plastic #6 (Polystyrene) Containers, Plates, Bowls, Trays, Cups	✗	✗	✗
Plastic #6 (Polystyrene) Straws, Lids, Utensils, Lids Plugs, Stirrers	✓	✗	✗
Plastic #7 (Bioplastic)	✓	✗	✗
Aluminum (Containers/Foil)	✓	✗	✗
Marine Degradable (Paper/Fiber/Wood) Plates, Bowls, Trays, Tubs, Cones, Hinged/Lidded Containers, Stirrers, Cups, Lids, and Lid Plugs	✓	✓	✓
Marine Degradable (Paper/Fiber/Wood) Straws and Utensils	✓	Only Upon Request	
KEY: ✓ ALLOWED ✗ PROHIBITED			

The revisions to this ordinance protect the Santa Monica Bay from plastic pollution while reducing landfill waste. The ordinance requirements will go into effect January 1, 2019. The City’s Office of Sustainability and the Environment staff will conduct workshops and other outreach activities before 2019, to provide information and assistance to food and beverage providers in identifying disposable food serviceware that is marine degradable, and in locating suppliers of alternative products. For additional information, please visit sustainablem.org/foodware.

KEEPING UP WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLES

As of January 2018, there were nearly 2,500 registered electric vehicles (EV) in Santa Monica. That represents a 150% increase since 2015, which means EV adoption is accelerating quickly.

To meet the growing need for charging, the City is moving quickly to expand access for drivers. All new charging stations are smart charging stations. These smart stations can notify drivers when their batteries are full or time has expired, track energy usage, and send maintenance alerts when needed. In order to use the stations, drivers must have a ChargePoint RFID card (provided for all City fleet vehicles) or the ChargePoint app. All public stations are free to use.



NEW INSTALLATIONS

31 charging stations at Civic Center Parking Structure for City fleet vehicles

- Frees up all first floor charging stations for public use exclusively

12 charging stations in the Main Library Parking Structure

- 10 stations open for public use
- Three reserved for City fleet vehicles from 3 p.m. - 9 a.m.

REPLACEMENTS FOR SMART STATIONS

- Civic Center Solar Port
- Santa Monica Pier
- 1109 Montana Avenue
- Virginia Avenue Park

REBATE PROGRAM

The City launched a Multi-Unit Dwelling EV Charging Station Rebate Pilot Program in July to help offset station costs for residents who live in buildings with three or more units. Fifteen applications were received and up to five applicants will receive funding. The rebate covers 75-100% of the station and installation cost depending on project type and eligibility, with a maximum rebate amount of \$3,800 per applicant.

For more information, visit smgov.net/electricvehicles.

A PARK FOR ALL KIDS IS NOW OPEN!



The City of Santa Monica’s newest universally accessible playground opened to the public on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Located north of the Pier where Montana Avenue runs into the beach, this playground features separate playing areas for children 2-5 years old and for children 5-12 years old. Both play areas are highlighted by barrier-free equipment, increased maneuvering space, and accessible surface paths.

Creating connections among children of different abilities is at the core of the North Beach Playground’s design. By grouping together playground equipment that caters to different skill levels, all of the children on the playground will be in closer proximity to each other. Using this

concept and layout, the playground increases the chance that children of different physical, social and sensory abilities will become familiar with each other, fostering compassion, empathy and fun for all.

The North Beach Playground is part of a ribbon of play amenities for children at the beach, and includes the Ocean Park playground, the South Beach Playground, Muscle Beach’s equipment for kids, and the play opportunities at the Annenberg Community Beach House. All provide a unique experience designed to help families have a great day at the beach.

For more information about the North Beach playground, visit santamonicaparks.org/north-beach-playground.

MARK "COAST" ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 7!

Santa Monica's third annual open streets event COAST will celebrate the City's commitment to art, sustainability and mobility on Sunday, October 7 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The public is invited to experience two miles of city streets closed to cars and filled with art installations, live performances and engaging activities for all.

- Aerial Artist **John Q** will gather up to 1,000 people to create a live art installation inspiring smart mobility and sustainability choices.
- Artists **Jana Cruder and Matthew LaPenta** will demonstrate the impact of disposable plastic on the natural environment with their larger-than-life art installation titled, Natural Plasticity.
- Event goers will have an opportunity to contribute to artist **Peter Tigler's** interactive thumbprint mural that will take shape over the course of the day and will feature a vision for a people-centric street.
- The **Santa Monica Community Garden** offers a variety of ways to explore the natural world through garden tours, arts, and crafts, planting tips, and a how-to on preparing home-grown vegetables.
- **Active Santa Monica** will lead a series of engaging, drop-in workshops ranging from dance to sports.



- **Santa Monica Spoke** will teach bike and scooter safety skills at their Bike Rodeo and will have a helmet decoration workshop.

Attendees are encouraged to get to the event by a mode of transportation other than car, such as riding a bike, walking, taking the Big Blue Bus or Metro Gold Line.

For more information about COAST, visit smgov.net/coast and join the conversation on social media using [#COASTSaMo](https://twitter.com/COASTSaMo).



"WAVE" – YOUR WINDOW TO THE SANTA MONICA ART SCENE



Dive deep into the vibrant arts and culture scene in Santa Monica with "wave," a new television series produced by City TV. Drop in on creators as they practice their art in Santa Monica, from internationally recognized artists, playwrights and designers, to performers, filmmakers and musicians. Episode themes include "Human|Nature" and "Bodies," and showcase a diverse collection of artists and performers. Subjects include 97-year-old painter and Santa Monica resident Luchita Hurtado, 2018 Annenberg Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro, artist Kelly Berg, hybrid performance ensemble String Theory, choreographer Jay Carlon, musician/composer Alex Wand, and curators Astria Suparak and Brett Kashmere. Catch the next episode of "wave" Tuesday, October 16 on City TV channel 16, and see every episode on the City of Santa Monica's YouTube Channel. youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica



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Contact Platia Productions at
310-390-2930, ext. 3 for more information.

altcarexpo.com

BE READY WHEN THE SHAKING STARTS

October 18, 2018 is the **Great California ShakeOut**, an opportunity for all Californians to practice earthquake safety actions. Most Californians know that in an earthquake, they should Drop, Cover and Hold On.

Drop to the ground, take cover under a table, and hold on to the leg of the table until the shaking stops. But what happens after the shaking?

There is no advance warning for earthquakes. Californians must prepare before the shaking starts. Just like a wildfire or hurricane, your level of personal and neighborhood preparedness will contribute to your safety and quality of life in the days that follow.

Building a household disaster kit is the first step. Make it easy and inexpensive. Create a family scavenger hunt to gather items for your kit. Manage costs by buying an extra gallon of water, canned food, or package of batteries each time you go to the grocery store. Here are some basic items to include in your kit.

When you're finished, put the items in an old suitcase or backpack. Then be sure to check your kit and change any expired items at least twice a year.

For more disaster kit information, visit smgov.net/OEM.



DIY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

- 1 gallon of water per person/pet for drinking and household needs
- Non-perishable food that your family will want to eat
- First aid kit to handle minor cuts, sprains and other injuries
- Battery-powered flashlight and radio and the batteries to power them
- Cash in small bills to use if credit card machines and ATMs don't work
- Bedding, clothing and toiletries to keep you comfortable if you have to spend the night in a shelter or at a friend's home
- Copies of your ID, passport and insurance cards
- A list of medication prescriptions and medical equipment information
- A list of important contact information including an out-of-state emergency contact
- Any special items for your household members, such as an extra pair of glasses, pet supplies, toys for children, hearing aid batteries, diapers and formula

ALL-YOU-CAN-CARRY PUMPKINS

Come to the Santa Monica Farmers Market on Wednesday, October 31, for an All-You-Can-Carry Pumpkin Patch (8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. or until the pumpkins run out). Just \$5 for all the orange orbs you can manage to carry at one time! Find the patch at the intersection of Arizona Avenue and 2nd Street. Oh, and remember to wear a great costume, too!

For more information, visit smgov.net/farmersmarket.



OCTOBER 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.

Video and Memory with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

A digital video workshop exploring narrative video making. Bring a camera phone or digital camera, laptop and cables if needed, and install iMovie or other editing software on your device(s). smgov.net/camera

COAST: City of Santa Monica's Open Streets Event

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Annual open streets event celebrating community, art and sustainability. More than two miles of city streets will be open for people to stroll, bike and roll. Enjoy delicious food, live music, world-class art, and the community's public spaces in a new, reimagined way. smgov.net/coast

Santa Monica Review 30th Anniversary Reading

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Santa Monica Review*, one of the West Coast's leading literary journals. Readings by short story master Stephen Cooper, writer-critic David Ulin, Best American Short Stories prizewinner Steve De Jarnatt, and debut novelist Katya Apekina. annenbergbeachhouse.com

Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion + Craft Lounge

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Frau Fiber brings her nationwide project, Sewing Rebellion, to the Camera concurrent to our monthly Craft Lounge. October's Sewing Rebellion project is making the Annual Halloween Hoody with Faux Frau Andrea. Bring your works in progress and make something with your neighbors! smgov.net/camera

Claiming Creativity, a Discussion with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Considering the "Ish." Lisa leads a discussion about the freedom of embracing accidents and mistakes, and why the notion of perfection is paralyzing when it comes to creativity. All are invited to share instances of serendipity and consider what place creative accident has in our daily lives. smgov.net/camera

Breakfast in the Garden @ Main St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN, 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

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

Downbeat 720

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AND 30 AT MILES PLAYHOUSE, 7:20 P.M. - 10 P.M.

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

milesplayhouse.org

Indian Classical Dance for All with Aparna Sindhoo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 2 P.M. - 3 P.M.

Aparna Sindhoo, her students and company members lead you through basic movements of Bharata Natyam, an Indian classical dance form with origins in the temples and courts of Southern India. This class is open to all ages and abilities. No prior experience necessary. Bring comfortable clothes, shoes and socks. smgov.net/camera

Ishihara Open Visit Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 ISHIHARA PARK, 9:30 A.M. - 11 A.M.

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

CREST Winter Camps Registration Starts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 ONLINE, 6 A.M.

CREST Programs are conveniently offered after school at all SMMUSD elementary and middle schools. For information about upcoming registration for CREST Winter Sports and Winter Enrichment programs.

smgov.net/crest

Song, Dance and Story for All with Aparna Sindhoo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 2 P.M. - 3 P.M.

Aparna Sindhoo, her students and company members lead you through this workshop designed for people from different walks of life trying to find their creative voice and express their inner artist. This workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities. Wear clothes to move in and comfortable shoes. smgov.net/camera

Spooktacular

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT PAL YOUTH CENTER, 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Come to PAL's annual spooky community event for local youth and their families on Halloween evening, October 31. Our Spooktacular is a fun-filled night of haunting, trick or treating, games and more! smpal.org

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:

OCTOBER 9 AND 23

Meeting dates occasionally change. Visit smgov.net/council to confirm schedule and smgov.net/council/agendas to view agenda items. Meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16, and streamed at YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica. Meetings air on 89.9 KCRW, 8 p.m. to midnight.

All Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment may be made in person at any meeting, or prior to the meeting via regular U.S. mail, email or by fax to:

City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 209
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Phone: 310.458.8201 | Fax: 310.458.1621
Email all Council members:
council@smgov.net

Public Meetings

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

Disabilities Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 1, 6:30 P.M. AT
KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Architectural Review Board Meeting

OCTOBER 1 AND 15, 7 P.M. AT
CITY HALL

Planning Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 3 AND 17

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

OCTOBER 10, 7 P.M. AT
KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, AND 25, 7 P.M.
AT CITY HALL

Landmarks Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 8, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

The Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

OCTOBER 17, 1:30 P.M. AT
KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Recreation & Parks Association

OCTOBER 18, 7:30PM AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Housing Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 18, 4:30 P.M. AT
KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Arts Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 6:30 P.M. AT
KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Social Services Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 22, 7 P.M. AT
KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Airport Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 22, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

VOTE 2018

OCTOBER 7 - COAST: Stop by the City Clerk's booth for official election information

OCTOBER 8-30 - Vote-by-Mail Application Period

OCTOBER 9-NOVEMBER 6 - Vote-by-Mail Drop-off Boxes available at Main and Fairview Libraries

OCTOBER 22 - Voter Registration Deadline: Register with the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or smvote.org