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Coastal Cleanup Day returns for 42nd year as El Niño looms



Courtesy Image

COAST: California Coastal Cleanup Day returns Sept. 19, aiming for 50,000+ volunteers statewide.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

California Coastal Cleanup Day returns this September for its 42nd

year, and organizers expect the state's largest volunteer event to draw more than 50,000 people to hundreds of locations stretching from the shoreline to the Sierra Nevada.

This year's cleanup carries added urgency. A potentially historic El Niño is taking aim at California, and the increased rainfall it brings can wash plastic pollution from

creeks and streams into the ocean. Organizers say the event offers a chance to intercept that trash before

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As election day approaches, multiple forums provide ample opportunity to hear from candidates

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Voters looking to size up the crowded field running for Santa Monica City Council this fall will get their chance in the coming weeks to see candidates in person, as local civic groups roll out their fall forum schedules ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

The North of Montana Association will host a "Meet the City Council Candidates" forum as part of its Annual Meeting & Info Fair on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2

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Teen-led group aims for Guinness World Record in Saturday sports ball recycling drive

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

A teen-led environmental group will try to set a Guinness World Record for the most sports balls recycled in a single day during a free community event Saturday, the culmination of a months-long drive that has already diverted more than

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District Attorney will not seek death penalty in Reiner murder case

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman has announced that his office will not seek the death penalty against Nick Reiner, who is accused of murdering his parents last December in their Brentwood home.

“This decision reflects our careful judgment about the most appropriate path to take in this case and does not diminish the severity of these crimes,” Hochman said. “I have spoken to the Reiner family and evaluated the mitigating and aggravating factors that are part of special circumstance murder cases. Seeking capital punishment should be reserved for the most egregious instances, and we determined after a thorough review that the death penalty was not the appropriate resolution in this case.”

Reiner, 32, was indicted on two counts of murder with special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and murder by means of lying in wait. He also faces a special allegation that he personally used a dangerous and deadly weapon, a knife.

He has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to return to court Oct. 7 for a motions hearing in Department 108 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. If convicted as charged, he faces life in state prison without the possibility of parole. He is being held without bail.

Prosecutors allege that on Dec. 14, 2025, Reiner fatally stabbed his parents, director Rob Reiner, 78, and Michele Singer Reiner, 70, at their home in the 200 block of South Chadbourne Avenue in Brentwood. He fled the scene but was arrested later that evening.

The county medical examiner determined the couple died of multiple sharp force injuries. No motive has been released.

The case is being prosecuted by the District Attorney’s Major Crimes Division and remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department’s Robbery-Homicide Division. The charges filed are allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Reiner, the third of Rob Reiner’s four children, made his initial court appearance Dec. 17 wearing a suicide-prevention smock. At a subsequent hearing, defense attorney Alan Jackson, who has represented clients including Harvey Weinstein, Kevin Spacey and Karen Read, asked to withdraw from the case, citing unspecified circumstances beyond his and his client’s control.

Judge Theresa McGonigle granted the request in chambers, and Deputy Public Defender Kimberly Greene took over Reiner’s defense.

The Los Angeles County Public Defender’s

Office, through Ricardo D. Garcia, called the case an “unimaginable tragedy” for the Reiner family and the community. A family spokesperson said the Reiners trusted the legal process and would not comment further.

This decision reflects our careful judgment about the most appropriate path to take in this case and does not diminish the severity of these crimes

- Nathan J. Hochman, Los Angeles County District Attorney

Rob Reiner was an actor and filmmaker who twice reinvented himself as a pop-culture force. Son of comedy legend Carl Reiner, he first became a household name as Michael “Meathead” Stivic, Archie Bunker’s liberal son-in-law, on the groundbreaking sitcom “All in the Family”, winning two Primetime Emmys. He then became one of Hollywood’s most versatile directors, launching with the cult mockumentary “This Is Spinal Tap” and following with an extraordinary run: “Stand By Me”, “The Princess Bride”, “When Harry Met Sally...”, “Misery”, and “A Few Good Men”, which earned four Oscar nominations including Best Picture. He co-founded Castle Rock Entertainment, was a prominent Democratic activist, and won a posthumous 2026 Emmy for “The Bear.”

Nick Reiner had previously spoken publicly about his struggles with addiction and mental health, including in connection with the 2015 film “Being Charlie,” which was loosely based on his relationship with his father.

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If the Paramount-Warner Bros. deal survives, California's antitrust fix: The company's board

A federal judge has already paused the deal once, with the Writers Guild of America pressing its own case on the same schedule. Bonta's coalition of a dozen states argues forcefully that combining two of Hollywood's five major studios and two of its five major cable programmers would hand the merged company control of roughly a third of theatrical film and basic cable programming nationwide.

I hope the state wins. But mergers this large rarely end as clean courtroom victories. Cases settle. Judges narrow the relief they grant. Companies restructure their offers. Paramount has already shown it's willing to negotiate delay after delay to keep the deal alive.

So it's worth asking now: What should California demand if some version of this merger goes through?

The remedies under discussion so far — divestitures, licensing conditions, content firewalls — are the standard antitrust toolkit. But they're subject to litigation risk and can be hard to monitor. There's a governance option that has gotten too little attention: restructuring the merged company's board.

If this litigation ends in a settlement, a consent decree or a court order allowing some version of the deal to close, California should insist the surviving company's board include meaningful voting blocs — not advisory seats, not observer status, but real votes. The two groups: labor and workforce representatives drawn from the unions whose members write, produce and support this content, and public-interest representatives who can speak for California viewers, readers and communities whose access to independent journalism narrows every time the industry consolidates.

Here's the logic: A dominant firm doesn't just raise prices. It can suppress

wages, worsen work conditions and restrict viewpoints reaching the public because workers and audiences have fewer places to go. These are effects which may not show up in a textbook antitrust analysis, but which are exactly the harms the state's lawsuit has already spotlighted. Bonta's own filings have raised alarm about fewer journalists keeping us informed and about the deal's implications for CNN and CBS News.

Board seats with genuine voting power would give the people most exposed to this merger's downside an ongoing, structural check on decisions about layoffs, commissioning choices and the diversity of what gets made and reported — rather than a condition that expires the moment regulators stop watching.

It also represents a lighter touch than more traditional remedies. A full divestiture is a blunt instrument often resulting in mini-monopolies. Embedding labor and public-interest voices in governance preserves whatever legitimate efficiencies a deal might offer while making sure the people it puts at risk have a permanent voice in later decisions. And it has precedents in stakeholder board arrangements used elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad.

This is an unconventional remedy for an antitrust case, but the harms here are unconventional: A deal fusing two major news organizations and much of the remaining scripted-television market outlasts any single ruling.

Bonta has earned credibility by fighting this deal in court rather than settling for half-measures. He should keep governance reform in his toolkit for whatever comes next, whether it's a court win, a settlement or a modified deal that comes back across his desk.

By David Apgar



Surf report WATER TEMP: 73.9

WEDNESDAY FAIR SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Next round of fun-zone SSW swell on track for the 16th-19th timeframe. Recent storm activity in the Central SPAC sets up a fun pulse of SSW swell. Forerunners likely creep in through Tuesday, but the decent to fun stuff shows Wednesday into the weekend. Spot forecasts look ok right now, maybe some occasional sets pushing a foot bigger than what's showing, especially on the longer period front end Wed/Thu. A little windswell in the mix for the first half of the swell, but shape looks like it'll favor the points.

THURSDAY FAIR SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Mainly long period SSW swell in the waist high+ range, focal points around chest high. Clean AM Longer period SSW swell builds towards a peak, some modest mid-period SSW/S swell also in the mix. Not as much NW windswell so shape favors spots with some structure. Keep in mind we've got a mid to higher tide most of the day and a lot of sand got moved around leading up to and through the Marie 2.0 run. Going to take a little work to find the best beachbreak windows. Wind looks light early for a clean start. Wind comes onshore from the WNW in the afternoon.



Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

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2026/09/16	Wed	8:28 PM	1.23	L
2026/09/17	Thu	1:22 PM	4.74	H
2026/09/17	Thu	10:18 PM	1.27	L
2026/09/18	Fri	2:48 PM	4.48	H
2026/09/18	Fri	11:47 PM	1.05	L
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Airport

Airport2Park Foundation and Great Park Coalition to Receive 2026 President’s Award From Olmsted Network

The Olmsted Network, which champions the legacy of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, will honor the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation and the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition with a 2026 President’s Award on Sept. 25 at its Annual Awards Dinner in Portland, Oregon. Representatives from both organizations will accept the award.

The Olmsted Network, comprising more than 150 park advocacy nonprofits and conservancies, is the first and only national organization dedicated to protecting the parks, places and principles of the Olmsted firm. Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), considered the father of American landscape architecture, was a visionary and social reformer whose firm designed Central Park in New York City, Boston’s Emerald Necklace, the Chicago World’s Fair and thousands of other landscapes.

Olmsted Network President Sue Breitung said Airport2Park and the Great Park Coalition were selected in recognition of their work demonstrating how community vision can shape the next great American park. She said the organizations’ efforts will help ensure that Olmsted’s vision of “Parks for All People” becomes a reality in Santa Monica.

In announcing its 2026 award winners, the Olmsted Network said that in park-deficient Santa Monica, the Great Park Coalition has united residents, organizations and civic leaders around the restoration of a large park on the Santa Monica Airport site when it closes at the end of 2028. The network said the work reflects Olmsted’s belief that every community deserves access to inspiring public green space.

Key aspects of the network’s mission include advocacy, education, stewardship, and principles of accessibility and inclusivity. The network expressly opposes privatization of public space.

Olmsted left a deep imprint in California, designing master plans for UC Berkeley and Stanford University. An originator of California’s conservation movement, he was passionate about protecting Yosemite Valley and safeguarding public access. His advocacy helped initiate the 1864 Yosemite Valley Grant Act, signed by President Abraham Lincoln, which granted Yosemite Valley to the state of California and protected it for public use and recreation.

“The Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation is extremely honored to receive this prestigious award,” said Neil Carrey, president of the Airport2Park Foundation. “The award is national recognition that the Santa Monica community’s vision of reclaiming the airport site for its original park purpose reflects the ideals that the Olmsted Network champions.”

“Receiving this Olmsted Network President’s Award is a great opportunity for both organizations to gain insights from the Olmsted Network’s advocacy toolkit, and to potentially connect with other national resources and donors,” said John Fairweather, president of the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition. “We hope this will become a long-lasting relationship for our City as the Great Park is built and becomes an essential part of our community.”

Originally acquired through a 1926 parks bond, the site is now poised to fulfill its original purpose as one of the nation’s great public parks.

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CANDIDATES

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p.m. at the Franklin School Auditorium, 2400 Montana Ave. The group says all 12 qualified City Council candidates are expected to take part. The event is in-person only but may be available online after the fact. Questions for candidates can be sent in advance to NOMABoard@gmail.com.

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica is working with several partners to host a series of forums. The first will be held with the Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education candidates on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the SMMUSD District Office, 1717 4th St. That forum will be hybrid: voters can attend in person at the district’s board room or watch online, with the League directing viewers to register for a Zoom webinar link and offering a YouTube livestream for those who cannot join the video call. The forum will cover the four-seat school board race between incumbents Laurie Lieberman, Alicia Mignano and Stacy Rouse and challengers Harry Leshner and Robbie Staenberg. Questions can be directed to Barbara Inatsugu at candidateforums@lwvsantamonica.org.

The League will then partner with the Committee for Racial Justice for a City

Council forum at the Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill St, on Oct. 4 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. A second Council forum will be televised in partnership with the City of Santa Monica on CityTV and online on Oct. 9. Rent Control Board will also be part of the televised forum but there will be no studio audience. A third forum featuring both Council and Rent Control Board will be held in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica at 1834 14th Street on Oct. 14 from 6:30 - 9 p.m.

The League has directed voters to its page at my.lwv.org/california/santa-monica for more information.

The forums come as Santa Monica voters prepare to decide a packed Nov. 3 ballot that includes three four-year City Council seats, three Rent Control Board seats, four SMMUSD board seats, four Santa Monica College trustee seats and five city ballot measures, according to city candidate filing records.

Unlike past election cycles, this year’s council race has yet to produce a clear group of front-runners or a unified slate, with endorsements from labor groups, tenant advocates and civic organizations splitting in different directions.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 26ENT-0124: Development Agreement for Digital Display at 1355 Third Street Promenade

1355 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, CA 90401

APPLICANT: XYZ NOW, LLC

PROPERTY OWNER: XYZ NOW, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following request:

A proposed Development Agreement for the installation and operation of a new, approximately 1,000 square-foot full-motion LED digital display that would be installed at the corner above the ground floor of the existing Landmark commercial building located at 1355 Third Street Promenade. The digital display will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights. The proposal also includes installation of a reconstructed historic blade sign for on-site branding/identification of the existing building’s tenants.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation to the City Council that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15311, and 15331.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Rachel Kwok** **Environmental Planner**
Re: 1355 Third Street Promenade Digital Display DA
VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Rachel Kwok by e-mail at rachel.kwok@santamonica.gov. The application for the Project is available on the City’s web site at <https://www.santamonica.gov/development-agreements>. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Metro E Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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Pier

Luxury getaways, VIP experiences and Santa Monica Pier adventures headline the auction at A PIERfect Benefit, the Santa Monica Pier Corporation's second annual fundraiser, set for Saturday, Sept. 19.

Online bidding is open now at givebutter.com/pierfectbenefit2026, where supporters can browse the catalog, register and bid from anywhere. Bidding continues during the event, and attendance is not required to bid online.

Held inside the historic Merry Go-Round Building, the Casino Night evokes the SS Rex, the gambling ship once anchored in Santa Monica Bay. Guests can play casino-style games, watch live Carousel Horse Racing and enjoy cocktails, food, entertainment and prize drawings. Proceeds support free, year-round programming on the pier.

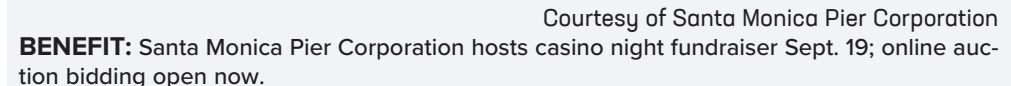
Confirmed auction highlights include a two-night Calamigos Ranch & Spa getaway in Malibu (\$3,500), a Fairmont oceanfront stay (\$1,780), a stay at the Art Deco Georgian Hotel (\$1,200) and a night at The Pierside Santa Monica (\$920). Other offerings include four two-day passes to the inaugural Ocean Wave Festival on Sept. 26-27 (\$1,596), a VIP LAX airfield tour (\$600), a private mezcal tasting (\$500) and a VIP pass for four to Hollywood's Magic Castle. Pier-themed items include a Pacific Park premium annual pass package for four (\$1,250), a swag collection and a Playland Arcade gift tote.

Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, said every bid supports the nonprofit's mission to keep pier experiences free and accessible.

Guests who buy gaming tickets in advance receive 50% off the day-of price. Period attire from the 1920s and 1930s is encouraged; Adele's of Hollywood is offering 15% off costume rentals and purchases with code PIER.

Advance gaming tickets and EARLYBIRD admission savings of 20% are available through Sept. 8. Tickets, gaming packages, auction details, sponsorships and tax-deductible donations are available at givebutter.com/pierperfectbenefit2026. The event takes place at 200 Santa Monica Pier.

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SUBJECT: 26ENT-0186 (Appeal of 25ARB-0225)
3205 Ocean Park Boulevard
APPELLANT: The Neighborhood Taskforce (Loren Bloch)
APPLICANT: 3205 Ocean Park LLC (c/o Lior Yehuda)

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Architectural Review Board approval (25ARB-0225) of the building design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of a 7-story, 81 - 1" high, mixed-use housing project consisting of 102 residential units, approximately 3,850 square feet of ground floor commercial floor area, and 120 vehicle parking spaces located within one subterranean level and two above-grade levels located at 3205 Ocean Park Boulevard in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) and Low-Density Residential (R2) zoning districts.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2026, AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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Address your comments to:

James Combs	Senior Planner
Re:	26ENT-0186
VIA E-MAIL:	planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL:	City Planning Division 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28 Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

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COASTAL

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it causes even greater harm to the coast and the wildlife that depends on it.

The cleanup also coincides with a milestone. The California Coastal Commission, which organizes the annual event, is marking the 50th anniversary of the California Coastal Act.

“As we celebrate the 50th year of the Coastal Act, Coastal Cleanup Day serves as an important reminder that we all need to show up to protect our coast,” Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge said. “Year after year, Californians demonstrate their commitment to a clean and healthy coast and ocean, proving that Californians will take action to save our state’s iconic shoreline.”

The cleanup traditionally takes place on the third Saturday of September — this year, Saturday, Sept. 19 — and now spans all 58 California counties, including inland waterways far from the shore. Since 2020, the commission has also offered self-guided cleanups throughout the month. Last year, more than 40,000 volunteers turned out at over 700 sites on Coastal Cleanup Day itself.

In Los Angeles County, dozens of sites are already organized and short on hands.

“Our local coordinator, Heal the Bay, has organized dozens of sites that are open to volunteers and in need of help,” said Eben Schwartz, statewide outreach manager for the commission. Residents can find a site and sign up at healthebay.org. In Santa Monica, the cleanup runs from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Last year, just shy of 9,000 volunteers turned out to more than 50 sites across the county, removing over 23,000 pounds of trash and recyclables, Schwartz said. This year he hopes to top 10,000 volunteers — and to see the amount of trash collected fall.

“Our goal every year is to bring more

“

As we celebrate the 50th year of the Coastal Act, Coastal Cleanup Day serves as an important reminder that we all need to show up to protect our coast

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- Kate Huckelbridge, Executive Director

people out to find less trash, which would tell us that our year-round education and prevention efforts are working,” Schwartz said.

Statewide, nearly 1.9 million volunteers have removed more than 13,770 tons of trash since the event began in 1985. The most common items are cigarette filters, food wrappers, plastic straws and other utensils.

Whether the underlying trash problem is shrinking is harder to answer, Schwartz said, because the totals depend heavily on how many volunteers show up.

“Looking at averages, we are picking up significantly less per volunteer than we did just 5 to 10 years ago,” he said. Still, he added, “it could be that there’s more trash out there ... but we’re doing a better job of picking it up throughout the year,” noting that the commission runs more year-round cleanups than it once did and that weather remains a significant factor.

Policy changes, he said, have made a measurable dent. In 2007, before any local plastic grocery bag bans took effect, those bags made up about 9% of all the trash collected on Coastal Cleanup Day. After more than 100 local bans and a statewide ban, they now account for only about 1%.

“That’s a significant change to our otherwise stable data set,” Schwartz said. Similar drops have been recorded for cigarette filters on beaches where smoking has been banned.

The reach of the event extends well beyond the coast. Winter rains can flush debris through rivers, creeks and channels for hundreds of miles, meaning volunteers in Sacramento, Riverside and even the Sierra Nevada can help protect the shoreline, organizers said. The commission runs the event with help from hundreds of government and nonprofit partners across the state.

To find the nearest cleanup, visit coastalcleanupday.org, where publicity posters

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- Eben Schwartz

and T-shirts are also available.

The event is presented by the California Coastal Commission and Niagara Cares, with support from Oracle, Nordic Naturals, Klean Kanteen, Longboard Vineyards, the Whale Tail Specialty License Plate, the Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund, GreenPolly and the California State Parks Foundation. This year’s artwork was donated by Phyllis Shafer.

For more information or to find a cleanup site, visit coastalcleanupday.org. Los Angeles County residents can find local sites through Heal the Bay.

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ANOTHER BOUNCE

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15,000 used balls from landfills.

Another Bounce, a youth initiative of the international nonprofit Habits of Waste, will host the event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 19 at Reed Park in Santa Monica. A live Guinness World Record adjudicator will be on hand to verify the collection as the group attempts to claim the record ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Organizers describe the gathering as the largest sports sustainability event of its kind. Although the effort began with tennis balls and pickleballs, the group has expanded its collection to all types of used sports balls.

“This began as a school project around social entrepreneurship where one of my friends was frustrated with the amount of tennis and pickle balls that were being discarded each week during his lessons,” said Milan Ramesh, a junior board member. “We came together and created Another Bounce to make change.”

The group has been gathering balls since February, dropping collection boxes at tennis courts across Los Angeles and picking them up once the boxes fill. Ramesh said the response has been enthusiastic.

“We noticed that people were relieved to find a solution for this huge waste problem and they are happy to know that they can be recycled,” Ramesh said. Balls collected at Saturday’s event will be sent for recycling and turned into new balls, sports court surfaces and other materials, the group said.

Beyond the collection drive, the teens have taken their cause to city council meetings to press for stronger sports ball recycling policies. On Aug. 24, the city of Malibu invited the group to submit a draft ordinance.

“I think it’s a great idea and I’d like to invite this group to prepare something,” Malibu Mayor Silverstein said. “Actually prepare a draft legislation and present it to our staff so we can have an agenda item with the actual proposal as opposed to just the concept otherwise we will waste time. ... I would support it.”

Ramesh, who described the first council appearance as intimidating, said the

experience grew easier. “At the end of the first meeting I became comfortable with speaking about the policies, because I am so passionate about it and I had my peers around me,” he said.

A realistic mandate, Ramesh said, would encourage players to deposit used balls in bins at public courts, with cities responsible for collecting them and delivering them to specialized recyclers. Owners of residential courts should keep their balls and drop them at collection centers, Ramesh said.

The environmental stakes are significant, according to the group. Hundreds of millions of sports balls are discarded worldwide each year, and because the rubber, synthetic and felt materials are not biodegradable, they can take more than 400 years to break down in a landfill. As sports participation continues to grow, organizers say, so does the waste.

“Working with teens who care deeply about the planet and showing them that there are effective pathways to create change is one of the most fulfilling experiences of my career,” said Sheila Morovati, CEO and founder of Habits of Waste. “Solving a ‘habit of waste’ that is so relevant to their daily lives ... helps this next generation understand the power they hold to be changemakers.”

To encourage donations, organizers will give free ice cream to every family or community member who brings a grocery bag full of used sports balls. Guests can also take home free pickleballs from Selkirk.

The event will feature pickleball matches, games, arts and crafts, and a live DJ. Recycling partner Ridwell will haul the collected balls to a recycling center afterward.

Habits of Waste, which previously led the #CutOutCutlery campaign behind California’s AB 1276 limiting single-use plastic utensils, said the sports ball effort reflects its broader mission of shifting wasteful habits. More information about the organization is available at anotherbounce.org.

Free registration for Saturday’s event is available at <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E357721&id=71>.

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TEAM: Teen group Another Bounce attempts Guinness record for most sports balls recycled Sept. 19 at Reed Park.

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	ARCO 332 Pico Blvd	\$6.39
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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 11.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.98/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 33.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.33/g higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 31.6 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$6.183 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at \$5.19/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$7.19/g, a difference of \$2.00/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.29/g while the highest was \$7.89/g, a difference of \$3.60/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 17.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.25/g today. The national average is up 19.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.14/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00423. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401. Petition of Jason Re Borne for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jason Re Borne filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jason Re Borne to Jason Mosaed Bennett. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 10/16/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is the same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 09/08/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 09/16/2026, 09/23/2026, 09/30/2026, 10/07/2026

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Santa Monica Police and Fire Unions expand endorsements to Oelsen and Trussler

Santa Monica Firefighters, IAFF Local 1109, and the Santa Monica Police Officers Association have announced the expansion of their slate of endorsements in the Nov. 3 City Council election, adding Doug Trussler and Ashley Oelsen alongside their endorsement of Councilmember Lana Negrete.

The joint endorsement follows new public opinion research commissioned by Local 1109 and the Santa Monica Police Officers Association. EMC Research conducted a multimodal survey using phone, email, and text-to-web methods among a random sample of 250 likely Nov. 2026 voters in Santa Monica from Sept. 5–9, 2026. Phone interviews were conducted by trained, professional interviewers, while email and text invitations included a link to an online survey. The results have a margin of error of ±6.2 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. EMC Research identifies telephone, online, email, and text-to-web surveys among its research methodologies.

The associations said the findings provide a clear picture of how residents view the direction of the city.

More than two-thirds of Santa Monica voters — 68% — say the city is on the wrong track. Sixty-one percent say Santa Monica needs new people who will change how things are done, compared with 32% who say the city needs experienced leaders.

“Our members respond to this community’s worst days, and we hear a consistent message: people love this city and they do not recognize it right now,” said Garrett Childers, President of Santa Monica Firefighters Local 1109. “We asked the residents we serve what they think, and they answered clearly. Standing with the community isn’t a political calculation for us. It’s part of the job.”

The survey found Santa Monicans deeply split on safety in their own neighborhoods, with 52% saying they feel safe walking alone after dark and 48% saying they do not.

Downtown fares significantly worse, with 71% of voters saying Downtown and the Third Street Promenade are not safe after dark.

Forty-three percent of residents say they feel less safe than they did two years ago. Only 8% say they feel more safe.

Even amid that frustration, voters continue to hold Santa Monica’s first responders in high regard. Eighty-eight percent rate the Fire Department’s performance as excellent or good, while 60% say the same of the Police Department — figures that stand in sharp contrast to the ratings given to elected leadership.

Seventy-five percent of voters say they are more likely to support a candidate endorsed by the firefighters, while 59% say the same of a Police Officers Association endorsement.

“That trust is the most valuable thing our organizations have,” said Childers. “We don’t spend it lightly, and we’re spending it here because the stakes for this city are real.”

“This is about listening to the people we serve and making sure their voices are part of the conversation about Santa Monica’s future,” said Cody Green, President of the Santa Monica Police Officers Association.

The poll also pointed to the terminated Ocean Avenue interim housing projects as a defining moment in the city’s relationship with its residents.

A majority of voters are aware of the projects on Ocean Avenue, with 72% saying they have heard at least a little about them. Only 25% say they would have supported the projects, while 56% say they would have strongly opposed them.

Sixty-three percent say they are unlikely to support a Council candidate who backed those or similar projects, including 54% who say they are very unlikely to do so.

The associations said the results do not suggest Santa Monica should stop building housing, but rather that the city should work more closely with residents when developing housing policies and explore options such as workforce housing.

The survey results also showed a strong level of support for the direction represented by the three candidates endorsed by the associations.

The research also showed strong support for current Councilmember Lana Negrete. SMPOA and Santa Monica Firefighters Local 1109 previously endorsed Negrete following a membership meeting and unanimous member support.

The associations have now expanded their joint slate to include Doug Trussler and Ashley Oelsen. Local 1109 and the Santa Monica Police Officers Association said they intend to release a more comprehensive report on the poll results.

“Santa Monica can be a safe and prosperous city again, for everyone who lives and works here,” said Garrett Childers. “Lana Negrete, Doug Trussler and Ashley Oelsen understand that public safety and economic recovery are the same conversation. We are proud to support them.”

Santa Monica Firefighters, IAFF Local 1109, represents sworn firefighters who serve the City of Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Police Officers Association represents sworn police officers serving the Santa Monica community.

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Quick getaway

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 16)

In your Year of the Sweet Song, it's as though you are always accompanied by the cosmic music to enhance the mood, motivate or soothe, romance or empower you. Your openness to feeling and sensation have you comforted and connected to life's rhythms. More highlights: Working in the perfect team for you, incorporating foreign influence and resources to lucrative and creative effect. Six savvy and large deals. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 22, 18 and 50.

HOROSCOPES

- ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can care about someone and try to understand them, but you can't know every feeling inside them. Even understanding a small part can help two people feel close.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your work will mean different things at different times. Now it helps someone. Later, it matters in a deeper way. Eventually, newer work will replace it. Years later, people may look back at it as part of history.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's almost like you've decided that anything the other person said would be OK. You'll make people feel safe enough to tell you the real problem, feeling and situation instead of the version they think you want to hear.
- CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your instinct is usually to give more than is necessary, and that's often a lovey surprise that fosters trust and even fondness. There's also a point that's "too much," and it's important to know where that is, too. What feels fair and sustainable?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easier to be optimistic about someone else's scene because they are the ones who have to do the work. You'll do the harder thing - find optimism about your own scene and let it fuel you to finish the job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your work ethic was never in question, though today you might wonder what's actually worth doing. Take the time to test out new tools that will make certain parts of the job a lot easier so you can focus on the parts you like best.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Like an action star in a fantastically choreographed fight scene, dodging blows and using the felicitous arrangement of your surroundings to help your cause, you'll have the flexibility to dodge, jump or conquer anything thrown your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Adventure doesn't always mean travel, questing and novelty. Today, it just means letting yourself imagine more and having the courage to follow your curiosity through the next steps of that dream.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're right to be proud of the fact that you don't have to make every interaction about you. Many people find that hard. When you connect with others, you leave them space and make them feel special, and they just keep coming back.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Before grocery shopping, you make sure you know what you have and what you need. The same goes for your personal life. You'll be meeting new people, and there are roles that would be good to fill. Refresh the order before you embark.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No matter who you are, there always seems to be someone with more money, time or help than you have. Use that feeling to name the kind of cushion you want to build for yourself. A little more ease is a worthy goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When the conversation goes wonky, sometimes an honest "I'm lost" helps. A laugh and a simple question will be better than pretending you know what the other person means.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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- 6 Jack Sprat's no-no
- 9 iPhone's voice
- 13 Large striped cat
- 14 Wedding assent
- 15 Caesar or Antony
- 16 Detergent brand for baby clothes
- 18 Happify
- 19 Ward (off)
- 20 Response to an attendance taker
- 21 Enthusiastic
- 22 Cook in a skillet
- 23 "The Road Not Taken" poet
- 25 Cast a ballot
- 26 Psychic ability, for short
- 27 Bitter-tasting
- 30 Constructed
- 33 Follow orders
- 37 Zodiac crustacean
- 38 Nintendo's headquarters
- 39 Barbed ___ fence
- 40 Work at a keyboard
- 41 Early Genesis residence
- 42 Coupe alternative
- 43 Director's workplace
- 45 Entryway
- 47 Party's get-to-know-you games
- 52 Spelling event
- 55 Of the Arctic or Antarctic
- 56 Dracula portrayer Lugosi
- 57 Meditative exercise

58 Stand up

- 59 Desperate football passes
- 61 Went out with
- 62 Yoko ___
- 63 Skip a big wedding
- 64 Toboggan, for instance
- 65 Compete in a dash
- 66 Camp shelters

DOWN

- 1 Difficult to bend
- 2 "Chopped" organ meat
- 3 Deep distress
- 4 Uncool person
- 5 Attempt
- 6 "Stay angry! I don't

care!"

- 7 Be very fond of
- 8 Skyscraper
- 9 Green energy
- 10 Any mature insect
- 11 Evaluates
- 12 Not moving
- 15 Many South Pacific islands
- 17 Took a photo of
- 23 Fishing stick
- 24 Person not quite 20
- 25 Driven by intuition, informally
- 27 Perform in a play
- 28 Loud shout
- 29 Sharp knock
- 31 Big lug
- 32 Yellow lawn invader

34 Auction offer

- 35 Noteworthy period
- 36 Strong craving
- 38 Ballet leap
- 42 Distress signal
- 44 Went wrong
- 46 Spoken aloud
- 47 Apple's tablets
- 48 What 15-Down consist of
- 49 Exclusive group
- 50 Detest
- 51 Actor Reeves
- 52 Element #5
- 53 Cleopatra's country
- 54 Makes less difficult
- 57 Connecticut university
- 60 Bumped into

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WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 16

VIOLA FLORAL BLOOM BAR

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Third Street Promenade (between Arizona and Santa Monica Blvd). In partnership with Downtown Santa Monica, Viola Floral is hosting the Bloom Bar, an immersive workshop on the Third Street Promenade during the Santa Monica Farmers Market. Viola Floral will show participants how to create a gorgeous, seasonal hand-tied bouquet they can take home! Tickets are \$75 per person. All levels welcome. Please note: Tickets are transferable. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/viola-floral-bloom-bar/19781347/2026-09-16T09>

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-09-16T10>

BLACK GIRL THERAPY

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pearl Annex Room 76, Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. A space for college Black girls to talk, heal, and explore how to navigate unique stressors. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/black-girl-therapy/19657598/2026-09-16T11>

LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wise and Healthy Aging 1527 4th Street Santa Monica. Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist will facilitate this class. We all need more laughter in our lives, right? Through clapping, guided breathing and gentle movement with music, we will learn how to reduce stress, become more energetic and playful and connect positively with other seniors. It's easy, fun and very uplifting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/laugh-for-the-health-of-it/19300395/2026-09-16T11>

ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Odyssey Theatre 2055 South Sepulveda Blvd Pacific Palisades. Odyssey Theatre Ensemble presents director Bart DeLorenzo's

contemporary adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's Enemy of the People. When a doctor discovers his town's hot springs are contaminated, his attempt to expose the truth pits him against powerful interests—and transforms him into an “enemy of the people.” Ripping Ibsen's classic out of the 19th century, DeLorenzo relocates the action to America in 2026, where battles over public health, economic survival, misinformation and political polarization have become defining features of American life. Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West Los Angeles, 90025; \$20-\$43; (310) 477-2055; OdysseyTheatre.com. \$20.00 to \$38.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/enemy-of-the-people/19460409/2026-09-16T20>

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 17

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-09-17T11>

BRAND POPUP /AGAIN

4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 606 Venice Blvd Los Angeles. BRAND POPUP is back Sept. 17! Meet the minds behind VANS, Lucid Motors, Lindt, Insta360 & more. Big ideas. Real connections. \$0.00 to \$495.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/brand-popup-again/19419020/2026-09-17T16>

NALU VIDA - LIVE JAZZ EVERY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice. Open mic every Thursday 6p-8p Come on down to Hama. The world is waiting! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/nalu-vida-live-jazz-every-thursday/18526607/2026-09-17T18>

ANTIGONE: IN THE LANGUAGE OF KINGS

8:00 p.m. The Getty Villa 17985 E Pacific Coast Hwy Pacific Palisades. Set in the vibrant world of pre-conquest Tenochtitlan, Mexico, this powerful reimagining of a classic tragedy confronts themes of loyalty, familial duty, and the clash between divine law and state edict. Weaving in pre-Hispanic music and poetry, this timeless story brings Aztec mythology to life in a rich historical tapestry that resonates across cultures, pitting love and defiance against tyranny. Adapted from Sophocles by Evelina Fernández Directed by José Luis Valenzuela Co-produced by Latino Theater Company. \$30.00 to \$45.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/antigone-in-the-language-of-kings/19316057/2026-09-17T20>

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

TOTALLY BOOKED LIVE! WITH SARAH WRIGHT OLSEN & ZIBBY OWENS

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop 1113 Montana Ave Santa Monica. Sarah Wright Olsen joins Zibby Owens for a live Totally Booked Live podcast recording on motherhood, family, and her new book! \$24.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/totally-booked-live-with-sarah-wright-olsen-zibby-owens/19545955/2026-09-18T13>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-09-18T17>

VENICE BEACH VIEWS PAINT AND SIP- ONE DRINK INCLUDED

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Viceroy Santa Monica 1819 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Looking for a fun way to start your weekend? Join us for a relaxing paint & sip at Viceroy Santa Monica—no experience needed! \$60.54. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-beach-views-paint-and-sip-one-drink-included/19783849/2026-09-18T18>

ANDREW'S CHEESE AND WINE PAIRING

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Ave Santa Monica. Join us at Andrew's Cheese Shop for a delightful evening of wine and cheese pairings! \$81.88. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/andrew-s-cheese-and-wine-pairing/19271082/2026-09-18T19>

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS TO SANTA MONICA PIER, FREE SAT. MORNING FITNESS

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the

weekend—no membership required. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-09-19T08>

SOIL ECO-REMEDIATION

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 29009 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica, 90404. We welcome James Oliver at Ishihara Park Learning Garden for a workshop on Soil Eco-Remediation. Whether it be mineral deficiency, concerns for contaminants or you just have heavy clay soils and need to break it up, James will help us lead the way. The ecosystem of your soil looks different under a microscope. Our gardens are only as great as our soil health, and learning what makes a great soil makes being a great gardener much easier. Join us at 9 AM for pancakes, coffee and check out what's new in our space. Have you seen the new stone fruits on the hillside? Workshop begins at 10:00 AM. Bring your kitchen scraps for our Community Composting Program. Bring your own plates and utensils and enter into a raffle for some OSE Swag !! Find full details at santamonica.gov/events

PCRC ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Join us as we celebrate one year of the Palisades Community Renewal Center! Over the past year, we've come together to create a place of healing, connection, creativity, and support for our community. Now it's time to celebrate this incredible milestone with all of the people who made it possible. Come spend the day with us as we connect with friends and neighbors, and celebrate what we've accomplished together at the PCRC. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pcrc-one-year-anniversary-party/19429610/2026-09-19T10>

A PIERFECT BENEFIT - SS REX CASINO NIGHT

3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Historic Merry-Go-Round Building, Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica. Step back into the glamour and intrigue of Santa Monica's legendary gambling-ship era when the Santa Monica Pier Corporation presents its second annual A PIERfect Benefit on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 3:30-7:30 p.m. inside the historic Merry-Go-Round Building at the Santa Monica Pier. Inspired by the legendary SS Rex, once anchored offshore in Santa Monica Bay, the 1930s-themed Casino Night features casino-style gaming, live jazz, cocktails, culinary offerings, a silent auction and live Carousel Horse Racing, with guests cheering on their favorite carousel mounts as a race announcer calls the action. Guests are encouraged to dress in 1920s- and 1930s-inspired attire. Proceeds support the nonprofit Santa Monica Pier Corporation and its free, year-round public programming.



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