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Santa Monica planners urge city to keep existing parks in airport conversion

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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's Planning Commission is urging city staff to keep two existing parks in place as the city plans to turn its 192-acre airport into a vast public park, echoing cost concerns raised by another city advisory panel.

In a study session Oct. 7, commissioners approved on a voice vote a recommendation endorsing the first page of a Sept. 21 letter from the city's Recreation and Parks Commission. The letter calls for reconsidering plans to remake Clover Park as an 18-acre walking district called "The Stroll" and to move the 8-acre Airport Park into a new active sports area.

"I just think it's so wasteful to move what we have as an existing

park to somewhere else, even on a really long timeline," said Commissioner Jacob Wasserman, who made the motion.

The recreation commission's letter said relocating Clover Park's baseball field, two softball fields, basketball courts and sand volleyball court would use up to 10 of the 40 acres proposed for active sports on replacement facilities rather than new amenities. It said Airport Park, with its dog run, playground, picnic area, restrooms and all-weather soccer field, should remain as is.

Tony Lopez, the city's newly promoted principal design and planning manager, told commissioners that removing Clover Park's fields "isn't something that we would entertain now because that

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Proposed Pier lease offers brewery more city money, lower rent and weaker worker guarantees than failed deal

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A proposed lease for the vacant restaurant space at 256 Santa Monica Pier would give Santa Monica Brew Works more city money for improvements and lower rent than the city offered the operator it chose for the site in April, while scaling back guarantees for workers who lost their jobs when Rusty's Surf Ranch closed.

The City Council is scheduled Tuesday to consider authorizing City Manager Oliver Chi to negotiate and sign a lease with Santa Monica Brew Works, a craft brewery that has operated in Santa Monica since

2014. A prior deal with a proposed restaurant California Roadhouse, Inc. fell apart earlier this year after the operator questioned council mandates around.

California Roadhouse, led by owner and CEO Sean Ahaus, won a competitive selection process in 2025. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation Board approved the proposal twice, the second time in December following a re-notice. The lease was pulled from a scheduled March City Council vote after UNITE HERE Local 11 secured an emergency meeting with senior city staff to oppose it. On

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Tech billionaires are spending millions to reshape California's Legislature

In Anaheim, voters marveled on Nextdoor or Facebook at the flood of political marketing they endured in May. The state Assembly race in District 67 felt different, they said. There were more mailers, texts, phone calls, streaming ads and digital ads than usual.

In fact, independent expenditures in that race totaled \$10 million — more than triple what was spent last time the seat was open.

About 98% of that money went to ensure Mark Pulido, backed by tech giants, was elected, instead of former hotel worker and union local president, Ada Briceño — both Democrats. It worked. Pulido is now facing Republican Paulo Morales this fall.

Who had that much money to spend, and why? Answers to such questions often are obscured by a web of political action committees, called PACs.

In this contest, multiple tech-oriented PACs such as Grow California and California Leads — plus PACs backed by Airbnb and Uber — contributed the most.

Grow California, founded by crypto

billionaires Chris Larsen and Tim Draper, spent \$2.6 million in independent expenditures supporting Pulido and \$1.5 million in independent expenditures opposing Briceño. California Leads, which received \$5 million each from Meta and Google, spent \$1.2 million in independent expenditures supporting Pulido. Airbnb, which has seen much local opposition from Anaheim residents upset about short-term rentals, also spent \$1.2 million supporting him.

The stakes are high, as are the payoffs. The billionaires behind these PACs have seen exponential growth in personal and corporate wealth under this presidency and are going shopping with those new resources.

A handpicked California Legislature is on their wishlist.

Elections in California are increasing in cost and decreasing in transparency. California Common Good had a hunch it was an increasingly small group of billionaires driving this change. We published our findings in a report, "The Explosion of Corporate Billionaire Money in California Politics," mapping

filings from relevant local, state and federal agencies and connecting the dots between obscurely named PACs and the individuals and corporations funding them.

The combined individual spending of California's top four billionaire political spenders — Sergey Brin, Marc Andreessen, Ben Horowitz and Larsen — and their corporate political spending in federal and California elections has so far totaled \$331 million this cycle, by our count.

That represents a 147% increase over their spending in the entire 2023-24 election cycle. One billionaire, Brin, together with the company he co-founded, Google, increased their political spending 3,000%.

The shopping spree continues, and there are still a few more weeks until Election Day.

The billionaires' rhetoric would have us believe that their prolific spending is to protect the economic interests of our state by opposing the proposed one-time, 5% wealth tax on billionaires on the ballot in November. It's much more.

Early in the second Trump administration, tech billionaires lobbied Congress for a measure that would have prohibited all 50 states from passing any regulation dealing with artificial intelligence for 10 years. As details of the measure became clear, bipartisan opposition emerged. Tech lost that fight and turned its attention to critical states like California.

California will likely lead on AI regulation, setting the bar for other states and the federal government. State legislatures could also undermine federal-level regulation, including the

GENIUS Act, a law passed last year to bolster the cryptocurrency industry.

Meta was the first to act. After the bill failure in Washington, Meta announced it would infuse money into California politics through such state PACs as Mobilizing Economic Transformation Across California.

That PAC has stated it would support candidates who favor "light-touch AI rules." If it can't win favorable regulation for data center construction, AI usage and related issues at the federal level, the goal is to lock it in at the state level.

In California, unions and the nurses, teachers, firefighters and other workers they represent historically have elected candidates to state government and have been a strong political force. That has led to rigorous workplace standards, higher minimum wages and policies that benefit communities, including food assistance, healthcare, public schools and libraries.

The tech billionaires do not share that same vision for the state. In their version of the future they call the shots. They decide which neighborhood gets a data center, and they decide what children have access to online.

Whether you're in Anaheim or Fresno, San Jose or San Diego, it is essential to decipher the political mail you receive and make informed decisions at the ballot box. Billionaires such as Peter Thiel or Mark Zuckerberg may be behind the political marketing materials you get.

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MAGA media’s election denial in LA mayoral race is a warning for the midterms

Right-wing media’s coverage of this June’s Los Angeles mayoral primary election unsurprisingly went heavy on voter fraud conspiracy theories and presented essentially zero real evidence. Their reactions offer a warning of how MAGA is likely to respond if Republicans suffer significant losses in November’s midterms, considering that the Trump administration and its outside allies spent the summer laying groundwork to undermine voting rights using flimsy claims of foreign election interference.

After lining up behind Spencer Pratt for L.A. mayor, conservative pundits began crying foul in June as the votes were still being counted. Challenger and L.A. councilmember Nithya Raman overtook Pratt after an early “red mirage,” triggering outbursts from the right.

On his radio show, Fox’s Sean Hannity said: “President Trump rightly is calling out Democrats, saying they’re probably cheating, trying to steal” the race. MAGA media influencer Benny Johnson said, “You can already see that they’re stealing and they’re cheating.” YouTube streamer Tim Pool alleged that “it appears, with new information coming in, we can now say the Democrats are cheating in the California race.”

As is so often the case, these figures were operating symbiotically with President Donald Trump, who wrote that it was “not possible for Spencer Pratt to have lost the L.A. runoffs after the big lead he had,” decrying “Rigged Elections!”

There was no evidence of voter fraud in the L.A. mayoral primary, and it isn’t surprising in the least that Pratt would lose in a city where former Vice President Kamala Harris won 70% of the vote in 2024. But it is now a matter of faith on the right that, in the words of former Trump adviser Steve Bannon, “if Democrats can’t steal elections, they can’t win.”

My Media Matters colleague Matt Gertz has characterized MAGA’s reaction as a signal that right-wing media are entering a period of “post-proof election denial.” Whereas in the aftermath of 2020, an entire cottage industry arose on the right to produce a simulacra of evidence to allege that allies of former President Joe Biden had rigged the outcome, no similar effort emerged on Pratt’s behalf.

Instead, these figures relied on nothing but vibes, especially olfactory metaphors. “It smells to high heaven,” said radio show host Megyn Kelly. “I don’t like the way any of this smells,” said Fox News co-host Lisa Kennedy Montgomery. “I can tell you it stinks to high heaven when you have a drop of 24,000 votes and Spencer Pratt gets zero,” said Hannity.

These pundits opened up a permission structure for others to make similarly outlandish accusations. Case in point: Two recent guests on Bannon’s “War Room” podcast claimed that New York City Mayor

Zohran Mamdani’s victory last November was rife with fraud. (It was not.)

Ubiquitous, reflexive election denial in conservative media presages the MAGA strategy for 2026 and beyond. In early July, I laid out the broad strokes of an emerging plot to subvert the midterms that was hidden in plain view if you knew where to look.

The basics: First, a White House task force that included right-wing media figure John Solomon — who spread misinformation related to Trump’s first impeachment — would declassify documents that purportedly showed China interfered in the 2020 election. Trump undertook this step in a primetime address on July 16, although the released files provided more evidence that Russia — not China — attempted to influence the election to weaken Biden’s campaign, not Trump’s.

The second step would be for the Trump administration to issue a “national emergency” declaration based on the supposed threat posed by China, thereby unlocking “king-like powers” over election systems.

Finally, Trump would issue an executive order to outlaw the use of voting machines, ban mail-in ballots, institute national voter ID laws, or force voters to prove their citizenship when they register. This phase is an attempt to enact parts of the SAVE Act, anti-voting rights legislation that has stalled in Congress.

This scheme appears to be faltering for now, but the Trump administration’s attempts to undermine the midterms are ongoing.

There are other risks beyond these three stages, even absent a national emergency declaration. Bannon has been pushing for additional anti-voting measures — most notably calling for “up-armored” Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to occupy polling sites in November, a demand he has been making since at least last August. The Trump administration has attempted — and at least temporarily failed — to use the Postal Service to limit mail-in ballots, and has tasked the Department of Homeland Security to scour state election websites for noncitizens who are registered to vote.

The election denial espoused by the MAGA pundits has ramifications in the world beyond their immediate audiences, as evidenced by the events of January 6, 2021. Although nobody rioted on behalf of Pratt, right-wing media are creating a dangerous environment where the reflexive rejection of negative election results is the new normal.

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TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD
Good SPAC swell builds and light AM wind looks to return. After a couple of fairly rugged days, wind looks to improve Tuesday morning and may be fairly groomed. Variable to potentially light offshore flow and a low-incoming tide for the dawn patrol. SSW swell picks up further and approaches a peak through the PM. Summer exposures are still chest to head high with focal points overhead +. Minor NW swell mix is up enough to open a few corners but spots with structure handle the size best.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SPAC swell holds nice size all day. Favorable AM wind potentially continues. SSW swell holds steady all day for continued chest to head surf at the summer exposures with focal points overhead +. Minor NW swell mix holds and is just enough to open a few corners, but spots with structure continue to handle the size best. Similar pattern to Tuesday with variable to potentially light offshore flow and favorable tide push in the morning.



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Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.
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Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

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2026/10/14	Wed	04:41 AM	2.56	L
2026/10/14	Wed	11:09 AM	5.50	H
2026/10/14	Wed	06:48 PM	0.48	L
2026/10/15	Thur	01:39 AM	3.19	H
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Malibu

Malibu to host Senior Resource Fair Oct. 15 at City Hall

Malibu seniors are invited to the city’s fourth annual Senior Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at City Hall.

The free event, hosted by the city’s Community Services Department, will connect seniors with local providers offering information on wellness services, home care, community programs, emergency preparedness, insurance assistance, financial planning and healthy aging.

The first 50 attendees will receive a free boxed lunch, and participants can win raffle prizes from vendors.

Featured vendors include Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center, Collette Travel, BrightStar Care, Disability Community Resource Center, Wise & Healthy Aging, Forest Lawn Mortuaries, Santa Monica College Emeritus Program, Heaven’s Hands Home Health, LA County Department of Aging & Disabilities, Malibu Long Term Recovery Group, Meadowbrook at Agoura Hills, Silverado Memory Care Calabasas and Simpler Horizons Insurance Solutions.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required. For more information, visit MalibuCity.org/SeniorCenter. To RSVP, call the Malibu Senior Center at 310-456-2489, ext. 357.

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Airport conversion project to unveil park master plan at Oct. 17 event

The Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project will unveil its Illustrative Master Plan for the future park at a community event from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Memorial Park Gymnasium.

The event launches the fourth of five phases in the multiyear planning effort, which follows more than two years of community outreach. The project will shape the future of the airport site after aviation operations end in 2028.

The master plan shows how the park will be organized and how people will move through it. Perspective drawings at the event will illustrate key views, and attendees can share feedback directly with the project team.

Phase 4 builds on community and City Council feedback on the Framework Diagram presented during Phase 3B, which established the park’s overall structure and districts. A Phase 3B online survey, conducted from February to April, drew more than 4,200 responses on district locations and potential uses. Results and comments are available under the Resources tab on the project website.

“The airport land belongs to the people of Santa Monica, and its future should be decided by them,” Mayor Caroline Torosis said. “Residents have given us their time and their ideas at every step of this process, and the latest survey results reflect that. I hope you will read them, join us on Oct. 17, and help us get this right for Santa Monicans who will use this space for generations to come.”

Phase 4 will also explore phasing, implementation and cost estimates.

Those unable to attend can review the plan and give feedback at future board and commission meetings and through an online survey.

For updates, visit smacproject.com.

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Santa Monica named 'Most Business-Friendly City' finalist for second straight year

Santa Monica has been named a finalist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.'s Eddy Awards for the second consecutive year, the city announced Oct. 6.

The city is one of seven finalists for the "Most Business-Friendly City" award in the large cities category. It was recognized for streamlining permitting, its Business Concierge service and its commercial activation efforts. Honorees will be announced Nov. 4 at a ceremony at the Rose Bowl.

"A city is business friendly when someone with a good idea can get a permit, open their doors and hire their neighbors without waiting on us," Mayor Caroline Torosis said. "We have spent the last several years updating our zoning, lowering fees and simplifying our processes to get there."

The city's Realignment Plan, adopted in October 2025, built on earlier zoning and policy changes to further lower costs and speed approvals. It created a \$3 million Economic Development Fund, launched one-time \$5,000 grants for small brick-and-mortar businesses and eliminated the city's portion of the wastewater capacity charge, a change the city said lets a 50-seat restaurant keep \$50,000.

The plan also cut sidewalk dining fees by 75% per square foot, halved parklet fees, created a free program allowing restaurants to offer basic outdoor dining without permits and expanded the city's Entertainment Zone beyond Third Street Promenade.

The Business Concierge program answered more than 800 business inquiries in its first year. Within four months of the plan's launch, on-time first-round commercial reviews rose more than 40 points to 92.5%, and a pilot self-certification program now issues permits within five business days.

The city also cited safety and cleanup efforts, including a police substation on Third Street Promenade that opened in June, full sworn police staffing for the first time in 20 years and a \$3.5 million commercial district improvement program that has cleared 502 tons of debris.

Upcoming events include a Swiss Winter Village on the Santa Monica Pier from November through January and an ESPN broadcast center on Santa Monica Beach during Super Bowl week in February.

More information is available in the Santa Monica Scorecard. For more on the Eddy Awards, visit laedc.org/30theddys.

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SMMUSD

Samohi, Malibu High climb in U.S. News best high schools rankings

Santa Monica High School and Malibu High School were named among the nation's best in the 2026-27 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings, which evaluated nearly 18,000 public schools.

Samohi ranked No. 562 nationally, No. 82 in California and No. 34 in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Malibu High ranked No. 953 nationally, No. 158 in California and No. 73 in the Los Angeles area.

Both schools are part of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and both posted significant gains from 2025. That year, Samohi ranked No. 777 nationally and No. 102 in California, and Malibu High ranked No. 2,009 nationally and No. 276 in California.

"We are proud to see both of our comprehensive high schools recognized among the top schools in the state and nation," said SMMUSD Superintendent Antonio Shelton. "These rankings reflect the commitment of our students, educators, staff and administrators to academic excellence and preparing every student for success beyond high school."

U.S. News evaluates schools on several measures of academic performance. They include college readiness, college curriculum breadth, state assessment proficiency and performance, underserved student performance and graduation rate.

Olympic High School is not included in the rankings because it is an alternative school.

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Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 5:00PM. on November 5, 2026.

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Pier

Santa Monica Pier marks 50 years of Dogtown with free drive-in Oct. 15

The Santa Monica Pier will mark 50 years since the rise of Dogtown and the Z-Boys with a special edition of Locals’ Night from 3:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 15.

Pacific Park is presenting the free, all-ages event. It will feature a drive-in screening of “Dogtown and Z-Boys,” Stacy Peralta’s documentary about the pioneering Zephyr skateboard team, and a live vinyl DJ set by original Z-Boy Tony Alva.

The Z-Boys emerged from the Westside in the mid-1970s and brought a radical, surf-inspired style to skateboarding that helped redefine the sport.

“Fifty years later, the influence of Dogtown and the Z-Boys can still be seen in skateboarding and Southern California culture around the world,” said Jim Harris, the pier’s executive director and historian.

Drive-in ticket holders may drive onto the pier parking deck between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. to claim viewing spots. Guests with general chair seating tickets should bring blankets or chairs.

From 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., skaters can use a ramp on the parking deck with a free skate ticket and signed waiver. Books & Cookies Musical Storytime takes place at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. in the Merry Go-Round Building. A classic car meet with DJ Cee Rock runs from 4 to 8 p.m.

Cheer performances from St. Monica and Samohi take place on the main stage at 5 p.m. Behind Marisol, Courtney Parisi leads salsa lessons at 6 p.m., followed by live music from Chino Espinoza Y Los Duenos Del Son at 7 p.m.

Alva’s DJ set begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the screening at 7:30 p.m. Cycotic Youth closes the night with live music at 9 p.m.

The event also spotlights the 100th anniversary of Route 66, which ends at the pier. More information is

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available at www.santamonica.com/route66.

Locals’ Night is the pier’s recurring community celebration. It is made possible by the nonprofit Santa Monica Pier Corp., which the city does not fully fund, and is presented by Pacific Park and Playland Arcade.

Admission is free, but guests need advance reservations for drive-in, general chair seating and skate tickets at dogtowndrivein.eventbrite.com. Guests are encouraged to arrive by rideshare, Metro, Big Blue Bus or bike.

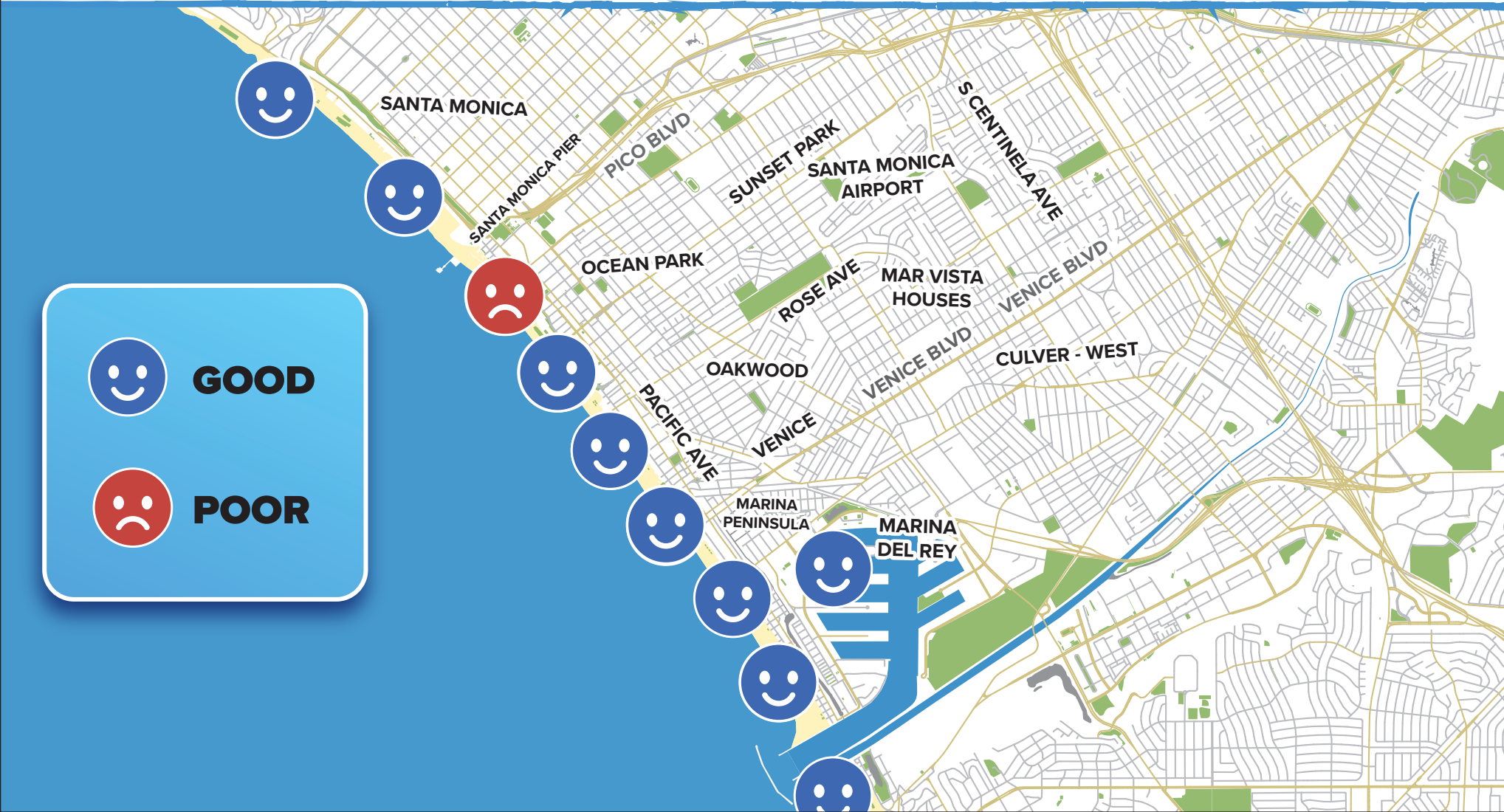
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Santa Monica Pier Corporation

LOCALS’ NIGHT: Santa Monica Pier celebrates 50 years of Dogtown with Z-Boy Tony Alva DJ set and documentary screening Oct. 15.

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PLANNING

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would impact our level of service dramatically." He said the fields could later move to a consolidated sports district as funding allows.

Cost dominated the commission's questions. City staff have not yet produced an estimate for the park.

Commissioner Leslie Lambert said public expectations are "obviously very high because it's beautiful, but if it's ridiculously expensive, frankly, it ain't going to happen."

Chair Josh Hamilton asked whether the process meant "we're going to design it, and then we're going to determine how much it's going to cost, and then we're going to have to come back and redesign it."

Lopez said that is typical for a master plan of this scale. Putting a price on what is essentially a graphic plan would be "a little bit irresponsible," he said, noting the community has suggested about 94 different uses.

Deputy City Manager Peter James compared the choices ahead to picking a car, with options ranging from a Honda to a Lexus.

"We have a plan that's a blueprint. It guides our decisions," James said. But the city has "not determined the level of trim or even the vehicle that we're going to be driving," he said.

Funding could come from public financing, grants and philanthropy, James said, and a fancier park might require a public-private partnership.

Hamilton urged staff to build on existing infrastructure now rather than revise the plan later. "We need to be realistic here, and we should start being realistic at the very beginning of this process," he said.

The recreation commission's letter also proposed converting the Santa Monica Airport Enterprise Zone into a park enterprise zone, so lease revenue would pay for the park. The letter says non-aviation businesses there generate about \$20 million to \$22 million in revenue

a year. James said that decision ultimately belongs to the City Council.

Vice Chair Peer Chacko said he supported most of the letter but hesitated on the enterprise fund idea. "I'd much rather not make a recommendation without understanding all the options first," he said.

Lambert, saying she knew the question would "bring the house down," asked whether housing would still be studied in the project's environmental review. Lopez said the council directed staff to study a park that complies with Measure LC, which requires voter approval for uses the measure does not name.

Two people urged the commission in written comments to include below-market housing on the site. James said 224 housing-related comments missing from an earlier survey report now appear in the published results.

Wasserman also took aim at the survey. "We have to stop doing opt-in surveys," he said. "They are pseudoscience."

The city's latest survey drew more than 4,200 responses from Feb. 18 to April 28. Support for each district's location ranged from about 57% to more than 71%. Wasserman said the results "could be boiled down to people like parks," adding, "How much did we pay a consultant to find that?"

The airport is scheduled to close permanently at midnight Dec. 31, 2028.

The city will unveil a draft master plan for the park at a community workshop Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park Gym, 1401 Olympic Blvd. City commissions will review the plan again in November before it goes to the City Council in January.

Staff expect to choose a consultant for the environmental review by the end of October. That review is expected to take 12 to 18 months.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

Newsom signs Allen bill creating low-interest loans for wildfire home hardening

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed SB 894, a bill by Sen. Ben Allen, D-Pacific Palisades, that creates a state-backed, low-interest loan program to help property owners pay for home hardening and defensible space improvements.

The bill, called the Wildfire Mitigation Affordability Act, passed the Legislature with unanimous, bipartisan support. The resulting California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program will be implemented by the State Treasurer's Office.

"SB 894 will help homeowners and businesses access low-interest financing to harden their properties and create defensible space — reducing risk before the next wildfire strikes," Allen said. "If we want safer communities and a more stable insurance market, we have to help Californians take meaningful steps to protect their homes without putting those improvements financially out of reach."

A recent UC Berkeley study found that structures with key home hardening and defensible space features were more than twice as likely to survive a wildfire as those without any mitigation work. Such research has fueled California's push for stronger home hardening rules as part of a broader effort to improve insurability statewide.

But those upgrades can be too costly for many residents. The new loan program is modeled after California's GoGreen energy-finance platform, which has helped residents finance energy-efficient upgrades.

"Adopting a model that has proven to work is commonsense for one of California's top priorities right now: reducing fire risk across California in the face of a changing climate," Allen said.

Eric Horne, California director at Megafire Action, the bill's sponsor, called the law "a historic win for Californians."

The program comes as affordable insurance becomes harder to find and hotter, drier conditions increase fire risk.

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COUNCIL

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April 28, the council authorized lease terms that included Labor Peace and Employee Retention provisions, which Ahaus said were unfair and/or illegal. The negotiations fell apart ending with threats of litigation by Ahaus.

City staff describe the new terms as "similar in nature" to the prior deal but a comparison of the two staff reports shows several significant differences.

The largest involves former Rusty's employees, who were displaced when the restaurant closed in February 2025, before the city's Worker Protection Ordinance took effect in March 2026. Under the California Roadhouse terms, staff said the ordinance would apply to the lease going forward, and former Rusty's workers who completed a structured interview process would be rehired, subject to the company's operational needs, and guaranteed at least 90 days of employment. During that period they could be fired only for good cause, lawful cause or a bona fide reduction in force.

The Brew Works report states the tenant "is not currently and will not be subject to" the city's worker recall and retention ordinances at the property. Instead, Brew Works would interview eligible former Rusty's employees who apply during a 30-day hiring window before opening and offer jobs to qualified applicants for available positions based on its operational needs. Those hired would serve a 90-day introductory period, then fall under the company's standard employment policies. The report includes no guarantee of rehiring or limits on termination during that period. Managerial, supervisory and confidential employees are excluded.

On improvements, the city would give Brew Works a tenant improvement allowance of up to \$750,000, compared with a \$500,000 "City Advance" for California Roadhouse. The Roadhouse deal set out a three-stage disbursement schedule, audit rights and a five-year declining repayment provision. The Brew Works report describes no disbursement schedule or clawback, though it conditions the allowance on continuous operation of the business.

The city also would pay to repair or replace all base building systems before handing the space to Brew Works, including the roof, structure, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and fire and life-safety systems, and would waive city permit and plan check fees. The report does not estimate the cost of that work. California Roadhouse would have taken the space largely as-is, with about \$125,000 in city repairs and roughly \$100,000 in waived rent and fees, for a total city expense of about \$725,000.

Rent would also be lower. Brew Works would pay \$5 per square foot on 3,039 square feet of interior space, with 3% annual increases, generating about \$214,800 for the Pier Fund in its first rent-paying year. California Roadhouse would have paid \$26,728 a month, with annual increases, which staff estimated at \$325,000 a year. Common area maintenance charges are nearly identical under both deals.

Brew Works would receive a five-year term with two five-year extension options. California Roadhouse was offered one option, contingent on finishing improvements on schedule.

Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, in City Hall at 1685 Main Street.

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Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

HI, MISS AMY! I'M HERE TO AFFIRM MY INCREDIBLE WEALTH WITH A QUICK LOOKY-LOO AT GOOGLE.

WHAT IS THAT? SOME KIND OF HAMSTER VASE?

THIS, MY DEAR LIBRARIAN, IS THE RAREST OF THE RARE. IT IS PROBABLY THE ONLY KNOWN HEDGEHOG BOTTLE IN THE KNOWN WORLD... AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

I WILL SELL IT, BUY AMAZING FOOD, POOR CHOICES IN FOOTWEAR AND EXPENSIVE CARS I WON'T EVEN DRIVE!

AH! A WELL-THOUGHT-OUT PLAN FOR A CHANGE!

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

YIP YIP YIP

AND THAT'S WHERE DOGS COME FROM?

WIIILL.

I WASN'T READY FOR 'THE TALK'...

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

PEW RESEARCH REVEALS THAT AFTER COLLEGE, YOUNG MEN RETURN TO LIVE AT HOME MORE THAN YOUNG WOMEN...

DON'T GET ANY IDEAS.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

CAT AT WORK

"THIS IS A HARD HAT AREA."

OF COURSE I'M UPSET! I'M SWAMP THING! BUT YOU KNOW, SOONER OR LATER THEY'RE GONNA GO AFTER THE LAGOONS, TOO, BUDDY!

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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

Good neighbours

S	M	I	L	E	G	J	B	H	N	H	O	E	T	G
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C	H	U	M	S	V	S	O	C	I	A	L	T	R	S

Abut	Fast	Lawn	Rely
Ally	Flats	Lifelong	Roads
Amigo	Gang	Love	Siren
Assist	Help	Loyal	Smile
Bike	Houses	Mail	Smog
Bins	Ideal	Music	Social
Cars	Inns	Nature	Store
Chat	Jogger	strip	Supper
Chum	Join	Oval	Talk
Club	Kids	Parks	Tennis court
Eggs	Kiss	Pets	Truthful
Entertainment	Lane	Poor	Units
Faith	Laugh	Port	Visit

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Back in fashion

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 13)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will get new information that makes you wonder if you should keep going past the gate. Look around before you proceed. Seek a sign, and you'll see it. You'll know exactly what it means. Trust the message.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will be tempted to share something about yourself, but think twice. Do you know this person well enough? Start with a small test. Disclose something minor and see how they react before you tell them more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When relationships unfold in stages, you enjoy them more. The pacing is an essential part of the experience and takes an amount of restraint. It can go slow enough to fascinate and quick enough to excite.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone will ask you to make an exception, and you may want to accommodate them. Before you say yes, consider the question behind the question. What is this ask really about? Who could be helped and why do they need it?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have something new to show people, though you may feel protective of it. Choose your first audience carefully. Show it to someone who understands what you're trying to do and knows how to give a useful response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone may want to spend more time in your home or become more involved with your family. Invite them closer at your own pace. You'll give a warm welcome, not a complete one. Parts of your life are private.

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Few things in life feel better than when someone looks at you, really sees you and is able to put it into eloquent words. More and more, you are living in a way that shows people who you are and lets them adore you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today there's an impulse to lend money, share something valuable or pick up the bill. Decide early on how much you're comfortable giving, then give that amount with an open hand and keep the rest in your pocket.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This day seems ripe for venturing and no one ventures like you. Because of this, you'll get the most excitement for your time when you go it alone. Then you won't have to compromise, and you'll never wonder how it would play out if you had done it your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ideas are coming together in your mind, but it's too early to discuss. Wait until you're ready. The interest of others is proof that you're fascinating, and you'll remain fascinating when you hold the boundary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The world asks for your time, contacts, ideas or help. Just remember that you're not obligated to give anything at all. Some people seem to expect it, but that's a "them" thing, not a "you" thing. Only you know what really feels comfortable and right.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). More people are seeing your work these days. Enjoy the attention and decide how much more you want them to know. There's an opportunity here to create your own lore. Be imaginative. You don't have to do it as everyone else does.

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Finance deg.
- 4 Shortened form of a wd.
- 8 Attention-getting sound
- 12 Motel's swimming spot
- 13 Not as moist
- 15 Quaint lodgings
- 16 Initial poker payment
- 17 Mover's wheeled platform
- 18 Drench
- 19 Keep a close eye on
- 22 Sgt., for one
- 23 "Electric" fish
- 24 Santa __, CA
- 25 Veggie in a pod
- 27 Prefix meaning "all"
- 29 Bro's sibling
- 31 Beauty parlor
- 33 www.harvard.__
- 35 Work with needle and thread

- 37 "Tender" beef cut
- 38 Very knowledgeable
- 42 Big coffee brewers
- 43 __ loss for words
- 44 Dad's boy
- 45 Remains
- 47 Winter driving hazard
- 49 Worker's week-ending shout
- 52 Galahad or Lancelot
- 53 Tic-__-toe
- 55 Edge of a hoop
- 57 Cambridge engineering sch.

- 59 Soar
- 63 Stand up
- 64 Exploit again
- 65 __ club (singing group)
- 66 College sports org.
- 67 Throat ailment
- 68 Devours
- 69 Complete collections
- 70 Alphabetize
- 71 Tooth pro's deg.

DOWN

- 1 Monte Carlo's country
- 2 Lowest part
- 3 Actor Baldwin
- 4 Confuse
- 5 Cooks on a rotisserie

- 6 Defraud
- 7 Lets go
- 8 Leaning Tower city
- 9 Blizzard-clearing vehicle
- 10 Bogus cure-all
- 11 "For shame!"
- 12 Lowly chess piece
- 14 TV host Seacrest
- 20 Swiss miss of kid lit
- 21 Owns
- 26 Raggedy doll
- 28 Full of current info
- 30 Science giant Newton
- 32 Go __ for the ride
- 34 Where DC is capital
- 36 Used to be
- 38 Clever trick
- 39 Says "Grr!" to

- 40 Paperless travel documents
- 41 "It was someone else!"
- 42 Battleship designation
- 46 Mo. city
- 48 Whiteboard accessory
- 50 "That makes me happy"
- 51 Boneless steaks
- 54 Ventilates
- 56 All thumbs
- 58 Golf pegs
- 60 Affirmative votes
- 61 Currency in Germany
- 62 Matured
- 63 Hosp. professionals

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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 13

VCC COFFEE CONNECTION HOSTED BY THE SALON VENICE
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The Salon Venice 701B Venice Blvd Venice, CA. A morning coffee networking event presented by the local Chamber of Commerce, designed to build business connections Start your day with intention and expand your local network! Join fellow business professionals for coffee, conversation, and high-value networking presented by the Venice Chamber of Commerce. Whether you are looking to build lasting relationships, explore new business collaborations, or simply connect with fellow I. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/vcc-coffee-connection-hosted-by-the-salon-venice/20083351/2026-10-13T08>

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Paint Lab 1453 14th St Santa Monica, CA A workshop for painters of any level to work on their own acrylic or oil projects with individual guidance from an instructor. In this workshop each student will work on their own project with guidance from an instructor. \$61.60. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-tuesday/19429773/2026-10-13T13>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica, CA. A weekly art studio for elementary students at Palisades Community Renewal Center exploring drawing, color, collage, and mixed media. 3:30 – 4:20pm Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-10-13T15>

RECOVERY TALK: REBUILDING OPTIONS & ADVICE

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades, CA. A practical panel conversation for homeowners navigating the rebuild process, with experts sharing real options and answering questions. Join Palisades Recovery Coalition for a practical conversation designed for Palisades homeowners navigating the rebuild process. PRC brought together a panel of experts to share real options, honest advice and answer your questions. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/recovery-talk-rebuilding-options-advice/20035442/2026-10-13T17>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-10-13T21>

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 14

FINANCIAL EDUCATION FOR FAMILIES: SAVING FOR EDUCATION

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fairview Branch. Join us for a presentation by Financial Representative Fabrizia Kaiser Soto on educational accounts and flexible savings strategies, whether your kids choose a traditional college, trade school, or another path. Q&A to follow.

FUNDING YOUR CHILD'S COLLEGE EDUCATION

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Families are invited to learn about educational savings accounts and flexible strategies for preparing for the costs of a child's future education. The workshop explores options that can be considered whether a child ultimately chooses a traditional four-year college, trade school or another educational path. A question-and-answer session follows the presentation.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Main Library, Youth Activity Room. Join the adventure for a one-shot session with characters you create or pick up a ready-made character for the day's journey! All materials provided. For ages 9 - 13.

TEEN CRAFT CLUB

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pico Branch, The Annex. Want to try a fun new craft with your friends? Check out our Teen Craft Club, rotating branches every month. This month, design and decorate your own custom press-on nails at Pico! For ages 12 - 18.

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 15

IN-PERSON: THE PAUSE WITH AZITA NAHAI

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Unplug Meditation | Santa Monica 12401 Wilshire Boulevard, ##101 Los Angeles, CA. A guided meditation session with Azita Nahai, offering a structured pause to slow down and reset. \$44.52. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/in-person-the-pause-with-azita-nahai/19686181/2026-10-15T09>

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, CA. A free low-impact group exercise class open to all Legion Family members, with movements designed for every fitness level. A mid-morning way to move and recharge. 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 11a.m. to 12 p.m. 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/18566926/2026-10-15T11>

LOCALS' NIGHT DRIVE-IN MOVIE AT THE PIER

3:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier - Pier Decks and Parking Lot 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica, CA (310) 458-8901. A free drive-in movie

night at the pier screening the skate documentary Dogtown and Z-Boys, with a vinyl DJ set by Tony Alva, a skate ramp, and ocean-adjacent atmosphere. FREE Drive-In Movie Night at the iconic Santa Monica Pier! DOGTOWN & Z-BOYS screening 10/15. Vinyl DJ set by Tony Alva, skate ramp, & more! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/locals-night-drive-in-movie-at-the-pier/20122404/2026-10-15T15>

IMPROV 101: INTRO TO IMPROV (THURSDAY NIGHTS)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 1424 4th Street Santa Monica, CA. A six-week intro to improv, learning the basics through fun exercises and expert guidance, ending with a showcase. Jump into Improv! Learn the basics, spark creativity, & your boost confidence with fun exercises and expert guidance. 6 weeks + a Showcase! \$365.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/improv-101-intro-to-improv-thursday-nights-/20122406/2026-10-15T19>

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 16

BEACH WALK MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 27 2700 Ocean Ave Santa Monica, CA. A guided silent walking meditation along the beach, led by Stacey Polacco, offering a chance to practice mindfulness in nature; RSVP recommended. Meditation isn't something that needs to happen only in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while in nature; walking on the shore feeling the warmth of the sun on our face, the cool ocean splashing around our feet. \$20 Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/18828982/2026-10-16T08>

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades, CA. An informal coffee gathering for residents back in the neighborhood or planning to return, with no set agenda or formal program. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-10-16T09>

LOWE FAMILY YMCA PUMPKIN PATCH

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Simon Meadow 15551 W Sunset Blvd Pacific Palisades, CA. A seasonal pumpkin patch with a hay maze, photo-worthy props, an art installation, and pumpkins in all sizes. A family-friendly stop for fall. The Lowe Family YMCA Pumpkin Patch returns to Simon Meadow Monday to Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the playful hay maze, snap photos with festive photo props, enjoy an art installation and shop pumpkins of all sizes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lowe-family-ymca-pumpkin-patch/20059545/2026-10-16T15>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles, CA. Cayton Children's Museum offers free hands-on activities for families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market every Friday through October. 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. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-10-16T17>

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17

OH MY GOURD!!!

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica, 90404. Join us for a day celebrating the diversity of the gourd family. Knuckleheads, Warty Goblins and a 4 foot Trombetta Squash will take Center Stage. Many of these are considered decoration and then simply discarded (hopefully in the green bins). We'll be cutting 'em up, and by that I don't mean telling squash jokes, and doing some bragging, maybe some pumpkin puree pancakes, and if lead artist is around, perhaps even get some light tempura pumpkin going on. Pancakes and Planting, what could be better. We'll have plenty of art supplies for young and young at heart to help decorate Ishihara with the creatures of the night! Come dressed in your scariest or funniest outfit. Watch out for the Werewolf, it's been rumored to appear on and around Halloween at Ishihara Park. For more info: SANTAMONICA.GOV/EVENTS

SNEAK PEAK OF MUSIC BIO-PIC OF LEGEND BRUCE LANGHORNE

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The UnUrban Cafe 3301 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 Sneak preview of the feel-good music bio-pic Invisible Legend: Bruce Langhorne. This Sing-Along Screening features great tunes from the '60s folk/folk rock scene. Langhorne was the influential guitarist who inspired "Mr.Tambourine Man." This film features performances by Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Tom Rush, Odetta, Richard & Mimi Fariña, and Peter, Paul and Mary. Join us for a joyful sing-along, celebrate Langhorne's enduring spirit, and experience the remarkable story of a hidden musical giant. See the film trailer at InvisibleLegend \$10 at the door. RSVP to [Hello\(at\)InvisibleLegend.com](mailto>Hello(at)InvisibleLegend.com) to guarantee seating, and get copies of the lyrics and music.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday, October 17, 2026 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Memorial Park Gym
1401 Olympic Blvd, Santa Monica



Draft Illustrative Master Plan Reveal

Giant Floor Map of Phase 4 Park Plan
Opportunities for SMAC Project Input
Activities for Kids and Adults
Tree Giveaways and More

Important!!

- Bring family & friends to support the Park Plan
- Share ideas
- Meet Park advocates
- Get ready for a SMAC Project follow-up survey



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