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Airport park plan, free ‘Carmen’ and costumed canines highlight Santa Monica weekend

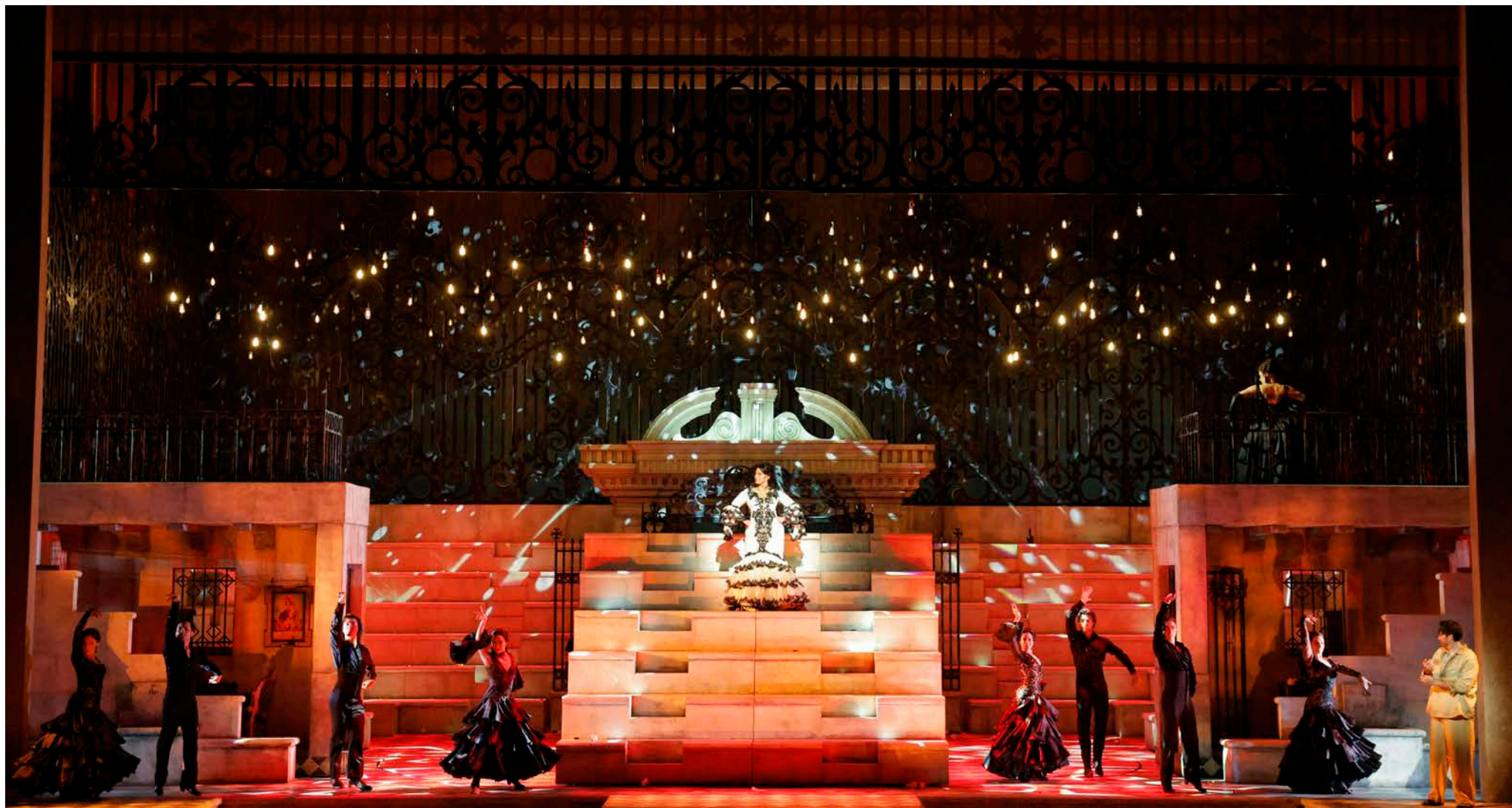


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OPERA: Rihab Chaieb (center) as Carmen (with Joshua Guerrero, far right, as Don José) in LA Opera’s 2026 production of Carmen.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica residents can help shape the future of the city’s airport land, catch a free broadcast of one of opera’s best-known works and watch costumed dogs take over Main Street this weekend, as three events spanning civic affairs, the arts and entertainment fill Saturday and Sunday.

The city will unveil the master plan for the

park planned at the Santa Monica Airport site Saturday afternoon, a few hours before LA Opera beams its season-opening production of “Carmen” to large screens on the Santa Monica Pier. On Sunday, Main Street closes to traffic for a Halloween-themed block party and dog festival.

AIRPORT PARK PLAN GOES PUBLIC

The city will show residents its clearest picture yet of the future park at the airport

site during a community workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Memorial Park Gymnasium, 1401 Olympic Blvd.

The event launches Phase 4 of the five-phase Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project after more than two years of community outreach. Staff will present the Illustrative Master Plan, which shows how the park will be organized and how people will move through it, along with perspective drawings of key views. Residents can give

feedback directly to the project team.

“The airport land belongs to the people of Santa Monica, and its future should be decided by them,” Mayor Caroline Torosis said in the city’s Oct. 6 announcement.

The plan builds on the Phase 3B Framework Diagram, informed by an online survey that drew more than 4,200 responses from February to April on where districts

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One area Democrats, GOP agree: California needs a larger rainy day fund

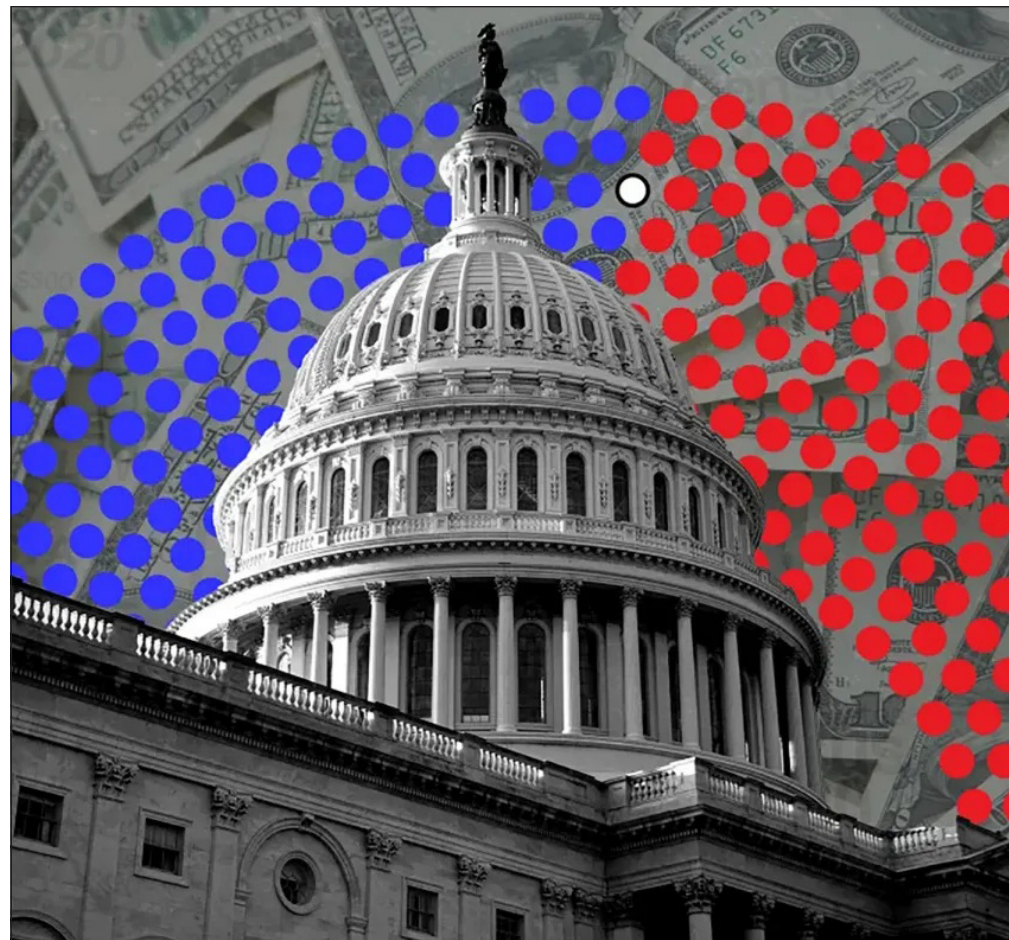


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BIPARTISAN: State leaders on both sides of the political aisle say they have found a way to reduce budget volatility.

At a moment when Californians can't agree on much, we've found common ground on something that matters: how the state saves for hard times.

One of us is a Democrat. The other is a Republican. We are united about Proposition 2, because this measure isn't about partisan politics. It's about basic fiscal responsibility, and it was developed by the people who understand California's budget best.

California has one of the largest and most dynamic economies in the world. It's also one of the most volatile. The state ranks fifth in the nation in revenue volatility because of our tax structure, but only 29th in the size of its budget reserves.

When the good times roll, state revenue pours in. When the economy faces challenges, the state is often forced into abrupt, painful cuts to programs Californians rely on: healthcare, higher education, public safety and safety net services.

Seniors, students and working families bear the brunt, often with little warning.

Prop. 2 fixes that imbalance. It doubles the size of the state's rainy day fund and requires California to save more during strong budget years, so we're not caught

flat-footed when the next downturn hits.

This is a structural budget fix without raising taxes to save more. It's the type of budgetary planning we need to protect our future.

This isn't a new or radical idea. It builds directly on a framework voters approved in 2014. And it reflects more than a decade of experience with how that fund has actually worked.

Prop. 2 didn't start with politicians. It was born from budget experts, not special interests.

The Legislative Analyst's Office, California's nonpartisan fiscal watchdog, recommended its reforms, which developed during legislative hearings with input from the Department of Finance, independent fiscal experts and business leaders.

But its earliest supporters were firefighters, small business advocates, healthcare providers and education leaders — people who see firsthand what happens when reserves run dry and cuts land on hospitals, schools and emergency response.

That list has since grown because state leaders and fiscal experts from

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Dirt

I miss Bill Bauer, especially now as we enter the final weeks before the election when things are getting dirty.

Bill was a political columnist for the Santa Monica Daily Press who laid bare the truth underlying the power struggle among the various political forces in our small city: SMRR, The Chamber of Commerce, The Democratic Club, the PTA, the school district, and the corruption fueled by Big Money. Bill would be having a heyday now that the players include the developer-backed YIMBYs.

I used to stay up late Sunday night waiting for the posting of the online edition of Monday's SM Daily Press so I could be the first to read Bill Bauer's weekly column. His writing was smart and funny and relentless in exposing the power plays in our small city.

I am no Bill Bauer, but I am someone who cannot turn a blind eye to the deception and opportunism that is evident in Santa Monica politics. So, I was struck a few days ago when I read in the Daily Press a commentary written by someone named Susan Sheu who attacked the integrity of city council candidate Doug Trussler.

I had never heard of Susan Sheu and because the Daily Press did not identify her, I looked her up. It turns out, Sheu is part of the political infrastructure of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, the primary Democratic political organization in Santa Monica, one that conducts local endorsements, forums, and mobilization. Sheu is also in a leadership position with the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP) and was on the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party (CADEM). In short, she is not just a commentator, but a party leader.

An honest person would have disclosed her position in such an assault on Doug Trussler. But without such a disclosure of her Dem Club position Sheu was able to launch a seemingly independent attack on Doug Trussler and spare his rival Caroline Torosis from getting her hands dirty. It's clear that was Sheu's assigned role.

At the July 14 Democratic Club endorsement meeting, the vote process ended as a stalemate, with no Council endorsements issued, to the visible consternation of many Club members, including some Club leaders. So, if you consider Sheu's organizational role in the Democratic Party machine - you get some sense of how afraid they are of Doug Trussler because he is a lifelong Democrat who is not part of the establishment or the YIMBY camp that has taken control of the party - and our city government.

Trussler has used Sheu's assault as an excellent opportunity to lay out in detail what his values are. As such, it is extremely important for voters to read. In it, he explains how his philosophy informs his operating style, which highlights the deep integrity he brings to his endeavors. As if to punctuate the depth of his core beliefs, on Saturday he received a Humanitarian of the Year award from Hope the Mission, which operates 3,300 homeless beds in California.

Just as important, his response lays out the critical hands-on business acumen and experience that we desperately need on the Santa Monica City Council to pull our small city out of financial distress.

Tricia Crane, Santa Monica



Surf report

WATER TEMP: 70.2

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

Size from SPAC swell gradually eases (though still head high-ish waves at summer standouts). SSW swell gradually loses energy as the day progresses. The SPAC swell will still be good for chest to head surf at the summer exposures while focal points go overhead during the morning low-incoming tide. Not much NW swell in the mix, so best to target the spots with some structure. Santa Anas looking likely for all day offshores, likely pretty breezy out towards the County Line zone fro a good chunk of the day. Mellow around Malibu/Topanga and potential for some swirling PM onshores.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Declining size with leftover head high sets at best summer standouts. Possible offshore flow. Less size than earlier in the workweek, but there will still be plenty of rideable SSW swell at the summer exposures. Good spots likely see consistent chest-shoulder high surf while summer standouts continue to go head high, especially during the morning tide push. More robust Santa Anas looking likely, maybe too strong for spots west of Dume in the morning. Afternoon window worth watching as they could mellow out, maybe a light seabreeze east of Dume.



Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 85. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 89. North northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

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2026/10/15	Thur	01:39 AM	3.19	H
2026/10/15	Thur	04:52 AM	2.88	L
2026/10/15	Thur	11:40 AM	5.16	H
2026/10/15	Thur	07:47 PM	0.78	L
2026/10/16	Fri	12:21 PM	4.78	H
2026/10/16	Fri	09:10 PM	0.97	L
2026/10/17	Sat	01:31 PM	4.42	H
2026/10/17	Sat	10:39 PM	0.95	L
2026/10/18	Sun	07:30 AM	3.70	H
2026/10/18	Sun	10:06 AM	3.64	L



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Draw Date: 10/13
MIDDAY: 5 0 4



Draw Date: 10/10
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Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 63 M



Draw Date: 10/13
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2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 08 - Gorgeous George
Race Time: 1:45.71

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SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Main St.'s signature Day of the Dog Fest, skateboarding legends at Locals Night, opera under the stars, and plenty of delicious discoveries, and much more!

50 Years of Dogtown - Locals Night at the Pier: Santa Monica celebrates 50 years of Dogtown and the legendary Z-Boys with a free, all-ages Locals' Night. The celebration features a 7:30 p.m. drive-in screening of "Dogtown and Z-Boys," a live vinyl DJ set by original Z-Boy and skateboarding legend Tony Alva, a skate ramp, classic cars, live music, salsa, and more. Free advance reservations are required for the drive-in, chair seating and skate ramp. Thursday, Oct. 15, 3:30–10 p.m. santamonicipier.org/localsnight

Opera at the Beach Returns to the Pier: Who says opera has to involve fancy clothes and a stuffy theater? The annual Opera at the Beach simulcast is back at the Pier, where you can watch a live broadcast of Bizet's Carmen on a giant screen under the stars. Arrive early for family-friendly crafts, face painting, balloon art, live performances, food vendors and other pre-show activities, then settle in with a blanket or lawn chair for the three-and-a-half-hour production. Best of all, it's free. Saturday, Oct. 17, pre-show activities at 4 p.m., opera at 6 p.m., Santa Monica Pier. [laopera.org/community-learning/performances-events-for-all-ages/opera-at-the-beach-\(santa-monica-pier\)](http://laopera.org/community-learning/performances-events-for-all-ages/opera-at-the-beach-(santa-monica-pier))

Pet-A-Palooza - Day of the Dog on Main St.: Calling all dogs—and the humans who are lucky enough to live with them. Pet-A-Palooza's Day of the Dog takes over Main Street with a free, pet-friendly festival featuring vendors, pet activities, demonstrations, and dog races. Enter your fast dog, wiener dog, corgi or doodle and see if your four-legged athlete has what it takes to claim glory. Sunday, Oct. 18, noon–5 p.m., All along Main St. Free. petapaloozawest.com/santa-monica

An Evening of Adventurous Jazz: Jazz Refractions and Soundwaves bring an evening of adventurous, improvisational music to the Westside Music Conservatory (12424 Wilshire Blvd.). The double bill features local trumpeter Kris Tiner and pianist Cathlene Pineda performing music from their album Sung, followed by Triple Dip, featuring New York pianist Russ Lossing, drummer Billy Mintz and a surprise European trombonist. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. soundwavesnewmusic.com

Eric Idle & "Weird Al" Yankovic Together in Santa Monica: This is one of those combinations you probably didn't know you needed: Monty Python legend Eric Idle and "Weird Al" Yankovic are teaming up for an evening of conversation, comedy and music—and they'll actually perform together with their band. Idle will also discuss his new book, Idle in Provence: A Brief History of Thyme. Honestly, we're not sure what they'll do together, but we're pretty sure it will be weird. Thursday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center, 2425 16th St. eventbrite.com/e/eric-idle-and-weird-al-yankovic-in-conversation-and-in-concert-tickets-1993431039902

Chamber in the Chamber: Enjoy an early-evening musical interlude as live chamber music fills Santa Monica City Hall's City Council Chambers. Thursday, Oct. 22, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St. eventbrite.com/e/chamber-in-the-chamber-tickets-2003092682134

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Wellness & Waves (Saturdays through 10/17); Locals' Night Third Thursdays; "Into the Woods" at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre (through 10/18); Western Line Dancing @ Santa Monica Place (throughout October)

WHAT'S NEW & DELICIOUS?

Nancy Silverton's Spacca Tutto Opens in the Palisades: One of LA's biggest



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PETS: Day of the Dog brings festival, races, and pet activities to Main Street Oct. 18.

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SMMUSD readies generators at Malibu schools ahead of possible power shutoffs

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

With Southern California Edison warning of dangerous fire weather and possible power shutoffs through Friday, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is preparing for potential impacts at three Malibu schools. Backup generators are on standby and ready to use if needed.

Generators are ready at Malibu Elementary, Malibu Middle and Malibu High schools, according to a district news release issued Wednesday. Webster Elementary School is not within the circuit area currently under a power warning, the district said.

The district said it is monitoring updates from SCE and that student and staff safety is its priority.

"We are preparing for the possibility of a power shutoff and monitoring information from Southern California Edison," Superintendent Antonio Shelton said in a statement. "The safety of our students and staff is our priority, and we will keep families informed if there are any changes that affect school operations."

If conditions require changes to school operations, the district will contact families and staff directly through official channels. When possible, the district will notify parents, faculty and staff by 6:30 a.m. if school is canceled or delayed, according to the release.

HOW FAMILIES CAN GET ALERTS

The district uses ParentSquare to send emergency alerts, school closure notices and safety updates. It is asking families to confirm their contact information now in case conditions change.

District officials recommend that parents first log in to the Aeries Parent Portal at santamonicalmalibu.aeries.net/student/LoginParent.aspx, select Student Info and then Contacts, and make sure parent, guardian and emergency contact information is current. Families who need help making changes can contact their school office.

Next, parents should log in to ParentSquare at parentsquare.com/signin or through the ParentSquare link in Aeries. Clicking the name icon in the upper right corner and choosing Manage Account opens a menu on the left side of the screen. Under My Account, parents can verify that their phone number and email address are correctly listed in Aeries. Under Notification Settings, the Alerts and Notifications option lets parents confirm that text, email and mobile app notifications are turned on.

The district cautioned that opting out of a single ParentSquare text message opts parents out of all texts, including emergency alerts. Parents who are opted in to texts but turn off notifications will still receive text alerts. They will not receive posts or direct messages.

The free ParentSquare app is available for iOS and Android devices. A district flyer advises app users to allow push notifications

on their phones.

The district will also post updates on Facebook at SMMUSD and on Instagram at @smmusd_official. It urged families to monitor official communications from the district and local emergency agencies.

More information is available at smmusd.org/departments/communications/parentsquare.

SHUTOFFS POSSIBLE AS WINDS BUILD

SCE has warned that high winds and dangerous fire conditions are expected from Wednesday morning through Friday evening. Santa Ana winds, which are typically hot and dry, can raise wildfire risk in Southern California, the district said.

Malibu city officials said that the utility may cut power to parts of Malibu starting at midnight Thursday. The shutoff could affect the Cuthbert, Galahad, Maguire and Merlin circuits, according to the city.

Public Safety Power Shutoffs are meant to keep SCE equipment from starting fires during dangerous conditions. SCE notifies affected customers directly, and residents can check their circuit and restoration status at sce.com.

Power may take eight hours or more to return after the winds die down because crews must first inspect lines and equipment, the city said.

The National Weather Service forecasts Santa Ana winds through Friday, with gusts up to 70 mph in the mountains. The strongest winds and hottest temperatures, in the upper

80s and 90s, are expected Thursday and Friday.

A heat advisory is in effect from 10 a.m. Thursday to 8 p.m. Saturday, with temperatures up to 95 degrees. It covers Los Angeles County beaches, the inland coast including downtown Los Angeles, the Palos Verdes Hills, and coastal and inland areas of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. Cities in the advisory area include Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Torrance, Redondo Beach and Long Beach.

Forecasters warned of possible heat illnesses and urged residents to drink fluids, stay in air-conditioned rooms and stay out of the sun.

The heat follows weeks of volatile weather. A prolonged heat wave that pushed temperatures to 100 degrees gave way to the season's first widespread rain as Tropical Storm Rachel approached last weekend, and temperatures dropped to 69 on Monday.

Malibu officials urged residents to prepare for outages of power, cell service and traffic signals, as well as possible fires and evacuations. They recommended charging devices, filling gas tanks, reviewing evacuation routes and reunification locations, and stocking food, water, medications and essential documents.

Updates are available on KBUU 99.1 FM, the Watch Duty app and malibucity.org/news.

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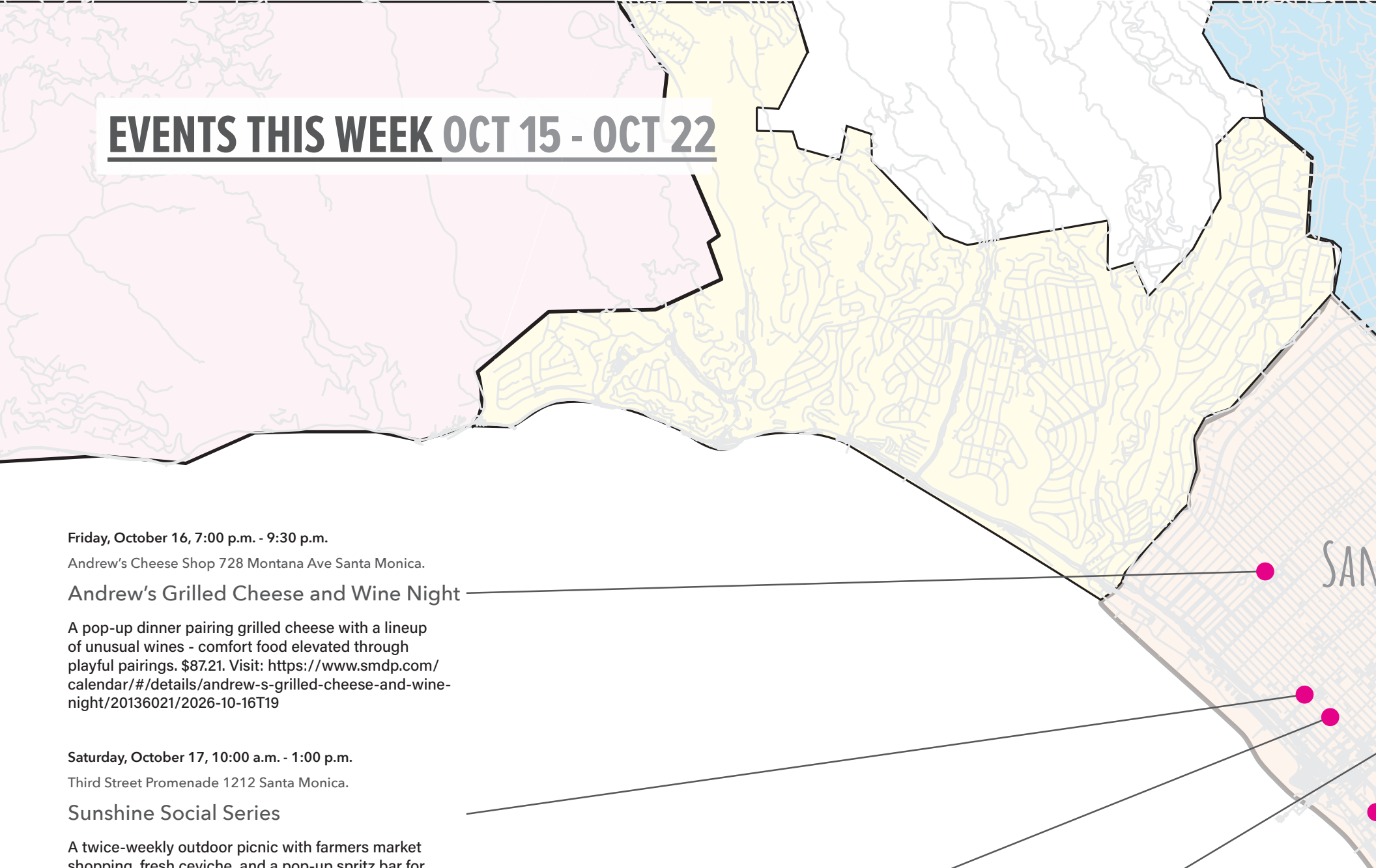
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Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Ave Santa Monica.

Andrew's Grilled Cheese and Wine Night

A pop-up dinner pairing grilled cheese with a lineup of unusual wines - comfort food elevated through playful pairings. \$87.21. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/andrew-s-grilled-cheese-and-wine-night/20136021/2026-10-16T19>

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Third Street Promenade 1212 Santa Monica.

Sunshine Social Series

A twice-weekly outdoor picnic with farmers market shopping, fresh ceviche, and a pop-up spritz bar for 21+. A relaxed way to stretch the summer season. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunshine-social-series/19902349/2026-10-17T10>

Thursday, October 15, 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Illusion Magic Lounge 1418 4th Street Santa Monica.

Awareness Film Festival

An independent film festival showcasing thoughtful, justice-oriented films with filmmaker panels, networking, and special events. \$25.00 to \$450.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/awareness-film-festival/20032294/2026-10-15T16>

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave Santa Monica.

\$5 Community Dog Training Classes!

A \$5 community dog training class in the park, with pay-what-you-can options after the initial fee. Sign-up required. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/-5-community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2026-10-17T10>

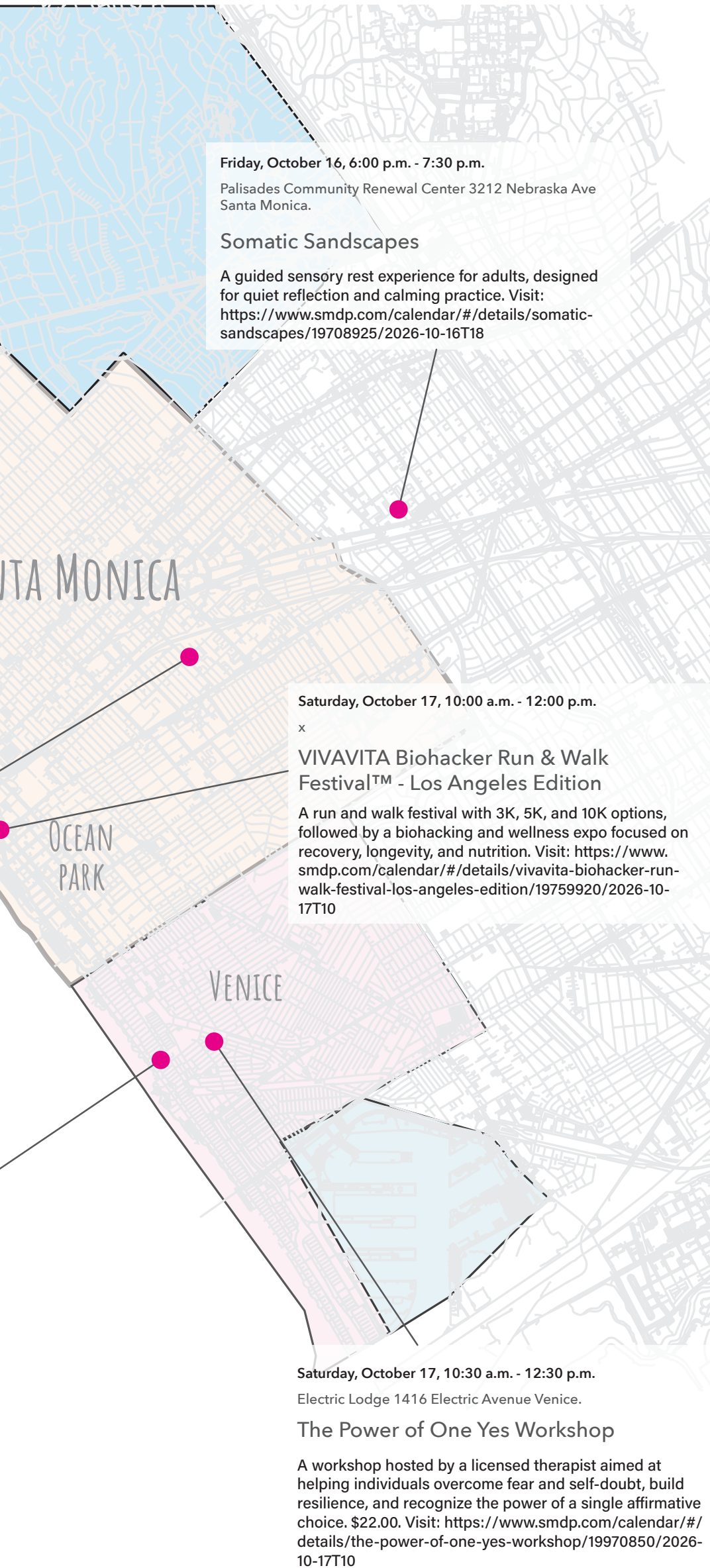
Sunday, October 04, 5:05 p.m.

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice.

Venice Electric Light Parade - Sundays at Sunset

A weekly bicycle parade along the Venice boardwalk at sunset. Decorated bikes and lights create a festive community ride. <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2026-10-04T17>

Check out
more events at:
[smdp.com/events](https://www.smdp.com/events)



Friday, October 16, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica.

Somatic Sandscapes

A guided sensory rest experience for adults, designed for quiet reflection and calming practice. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/somatic-sandscapes/19708925/2026-10-16T18>

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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VIVAVITA Biohacker Run & Walk Festival™ - Los Angeles Edition

A run and walk festival with 3K, 5K, and 10K options, followed by a biohacking and wellness expo focused on recovery, longevity, and nutrition. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/vivavita-biohacker-run-walk-festival-los-angeles-edition/19759920/2026-10-17T10>

Saturday, October 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Avenue Venice.

The Power of One Yes Workshop

A workshop hosted by a licensed therapist aimed at helping individuals overcome fear and self-doubt, build resilience, and recognize the power of a single affirmative choice. \$22.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-power-of-one-yes-workshop/19970850/2026-10-17T10>



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

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

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica, CA. Free Saturday morning fitness at Santa Monica Pier with group runs and yoga. Open to all levels, no membership required. April through October. 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. Each Saturday morning begins at the top of the Santa Monica Pier at the intersection of Colorado and Ocean with an easygoing group run from 8 to 9 a.m., open to all levels. Guests can then head to the west end of the Pier for yoga and yoga-pilates fusion classes from 9 to 10 a.m., led by top local instructors. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-10-17T08>

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC science lecture series to feature biotech executive, USC scientist



Courtesy Image

SMC: Carissa Jones, founder and CEO of Ventus, LLC, continues the SMC Distinguished Scientists Series with a free talk on Oct. 20 at 11:20 a.m. in Life & Physical Sciences Complex (Science 140) on the SMC Main Campus.

Santa Monica College’s Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series will feature a biotech executive and a USC scientist this fall. Their talks will cover building a U.S. biotech subsidiary and advances in precision medicine.

The free talks are designed for the general public and begin at 11:20 a.m. in Science 140 of the Life & Physical Sciences Complex on SMC’s main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. Each includes an audience Q&A, and seating is first come, first served.

The series launched more than 25 years ago and is sponsored by the SMC Associates (smc.edu/associates) and the SMC Life Sciences Department.

On Oct. 20, Carissa Jones, CCO of Capitainer AB and founder and CEO of Ventus LLC, will present “Science Meets Scale: My Journey to Building a Trusted Biotech Brand.” She will discuss how social capital and scientific know-how combined to build a successful U.S. biotech subsidiary from the ground up. Jones is a business development and operations leader with experience driving revenue growth and market expansion in pharmaceutical research and diagnostics.

“Her talk traces a journey many of our students can relate to, from a modest beginning to multiple executive roles at high-growth diagnostics startups,” said Tom Chen, a Life Sciences faculty member.

On Nov. 19, Peter Yingxiao Wang, chair of USC’s Biomedical Engineering Department, will present “Ultrasound Control of Genetics and Epigenetics for Disease Treatment.” He will explore emerging technologies for targeting gene and cell therapies against solid tumors and the aging process. Wang holds the Dwight C. and Hildagarde E. Baum endowed professorship at USC and is a fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. He is a pioneer in ultrasound-activated CAR T-cell therapy.

“He will share how his team engineered a new frontier: using guided ultrasound to remotely activate programmed immune cells to destroy solid tumors,” Chen said.

More information is available from the SMC Office of Public Programs at 310-434-4100. Presentations are subject to change or cancellation.

Brentwood

Inaugural Brentwood Concours to bring more than 80 classic cars to San Vicente Boulevard

The Brentwood Concours, a new luxury and classic car show, will debut Saturday, Dec. 5, on San Vicente Boulevard, featuring more than 80 classic, vintage, exotic and collector automobiles.

The free, public event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on San Vicente Boulevard between Barrington and Darlington avenues. Organizers describe it as Brentwood’s first luxury and classic car show of its kind.

The show is produced by the team behind the Palisades Motor Classic, which is bringing its Westside automotive event experience to Brentwood for the first time.

Organizers say the event will welcome collectors, car enthusiasts, residents and visitors for a morning celebrating exceptional automobiles and the community.

Along with vehicles spanning generations of automotive history, the Concours will feature luxury brands and exhibits, curated music and DJ programming, and charitable components. Promotional materials say the event will benefit local charities.

Additional participating vehicles, brands, community partners and programming will be announced before the event.

For more information, contact Alexis Pappas at contact@alexisnpappas.com.

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AUTO: Brentwood Concours debuts Dec. 5 with 80+ classic and exotic cars on San Vicente Boulevard.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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across the political spectrum have lived through what happens when California doesn’t save enough.

A stronger rainy day fund would make California more fiscally credible to taxpayers. States that save responsibly don’t just weather downturns better; they also borrow more cheaply and give families and businesses more confidence that the state can keep its commitments, even when the economy turns.

That’s the real case for Prop 2. California is safer, steadier and more

trustworthy when it saves like it means it.

Saving responsibly is not a partisan value. It’s common sense. California’s budget shouldn’t lurch from boom to bust. Prop. 2 gives us a better way forward.

By Jesse Gabriel and Josh Hoover. Jesse Gabriel, a Democrat from Encino, represents California’s 46th Assembly District and chairs the Assembly Budget Committee. Josh Hoover, a Republican from Folsom, represents California’s 7th Assembly District and is vice chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This article was originally published on CalMatters and was republished under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives license.

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Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

MY WORLD-CHANGING GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT WILL FEATURE LOVE, COMPASSION AND MUCH WHOLESOMENESS.

GOOD LUCK ATTRACTING HUMANS TO JOIN UP.

MY AGENDA WON'T BE ATTRACTIVE TO HUMANS?

NOT MOST.

WHAT IF I ADD SOME SANDWICHES?

I'M LISTENING.

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

I'M PLANNING AHEAD! I'M BURYING THIS BONE FOR LATER.

IT'S LATER!!

IN HIS DEFENSE, THE TIME BETWEEN PANELS IS OFTEN UNDERESTIMATED.

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

"WHY IS THIS SENTENCE INCOMPLETE?"

"ATE A CORN DOG FOR LUNCH."

Needs ketchup.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

HUGO'S HOT WINGS

"YOU'RE THE MAN, HUGO."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

BROOM PARKING ONLY ALL OTHERS WILL BE TOAD

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.

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Where did it go?

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Baby	Frighten	Melee
Ball	Funny	Nostalgia
Bars	Glow	Peanuts
Champagne	Happy	Play
Clubs	Hats	Popular
Crowd	Holiday	Pyrotechnic
Drinks	Hope	Responsible
Drunk	Hugs	Revel
Elaborate	Idol	Roman candle
Embrace	Improve	Save
Entertainment	Kiss	Show
Feast	Lifestyle	Wild
Forgiveness	Loud	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Heading out of Sydney

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The first movement comes through friends, groups or your future plans. You extend an invitation or propose a project. Your actions demonstrate to others that the next chapter has begun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Career and public life get the first green light. You have an ambitious move on your mind, and it's almost time. You know what you want, but you may not know quite how to go about it yet. Keep researching.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make the first move out of your usual territory. It starts once you enroll, book, inquire, submit, visit or introduce yourself. Pretend you're playing a numbers game - a quantity of output will eventually get the result.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A financial or emotional entanglement frees up. The first honest transaction can change the terms of everything afterward. But you don't have to go in with the hard truth. Build trust first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're the one who will change a relationship. Think about where you feel the friction and what you could really do without. You don't need to know exactly how the other person will respond before showing them what kind of relationship you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Daily life has intricate machinery, and you'll change out a part. It's the schedule that makes the most difference. Doing something a little earlier or less often over the course of a week fixes a recurring nuisance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Enthusiasm is a risk, and you'll take it! You'll be lucky when you show your work, flirt, play, perform, invite someone out or pursue the thing that delights you. It just feels right to express yourself, and you'll have fans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Home or family life has been undergoing a transformation. Make one move that represents the future you want there. Work from the outside in. When people have their own spaces that support their needs, harmony hums through the place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Say it first. You have the message that matters - the one that points out what's been unfair or explains why things can't keep going on in the same way. You don't have to finish the conversation today, just get the subject on the table.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Money, possessions and self-worth are Pluto's territory for you now. You're right to expect more from your resources. Raise a price, open the account, make an offer or stop paying for something that's no longer as useful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pluto turns direct in your sign, so yours is the most personal first move. Change something about how you present yourself, behave or make choices. Other people may need time to catch up so don't wait for their response. Keep going.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your first happens where nobody can see it, and that's perfect. It's how you know you're doing what's good for you. You'll touch on the sacredness of your individuality and the power of your singularity.

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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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Botanical specimen
- 6 Big name in ranges
- 11 Dispenser treat
- 14 Barrel-race venue
- 15 "Don't play" instruction
- 16 Material in some seams
- 17 Kick ____
- 19 Something to flip
- 20 Author Rita ____ Brown
- 21 City south of Tel Aviv
- 22 Gaping hole
- 24 Accept a challenge
- 26 Shakespeare contemporary
- 28 Kick ____
- 33 Funds borrowed
- 36 "And the ____ raths outgrabe"
- 37 Be a plaintiff
- 38 They lay green eggs
- 39 Kelly's former TV partner
- 40 Place for an aloe
- 41 DC ballplayer
- 42 Pulitzer novelist Jennifer
- 43 Not at all reputable
- 44 Kick ____
- 48 Eggs on
- 49 In
- 53 Drag one's feet
- 55 The way it sits
- 57 DJIA components
- 58 Armed conflict
- 59 Kick ____
- 63 Mentally acute

- 64 Heron look-alike
- 65 Give one's address
- 66 "May I help you?"
- 67 Holy book
- 68 Dovetail part

DOWN

- 1 Chaperoned events
- 2 Dietary designation
- 3 Cost for airtime, say
- 4 Largest US union
- 5 Big kahunas
- 6 All-inclusive
- 7 Goya subject
- 8 Air hero
- 9 Japanese PC maker
- 10 Email option
- 11 South Sea Islands
- 12 Most massive dwarf
- planet
- 13 Snore symbols in Sussex
- 18 Mesmerized
- 23 Peat source
- 25 ATM inputs
- 26 Island group east of Miami
- 27 Seemingly forever
- 29 Rolex alternatives
- 30 Golf legend Ben
- 31 1/1 song word
- 32 Have faith in, with "on"
- 33 Director Dunham
- 34 General under Ike
- 35 Junkyard inventory
- 39 Whom Jamie chose his surname to honor

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- 40 Erstwhile Mideast ruler
- 43 Two-handed hoops attempt
- 45 Website ID
- 46 "That didn't work"
- 47 Seats-of-honor setup
- 50 Great quantity
- 51 Very, on a score
- 52 City near Düsseldorf
- 53 Lobby successfully
- 54 Binding strip
- 55 A princess in *Frozen*
- 56 In the public eye
- 60 Debate side
- 61 Gondolier's implement
- 62 Poet's preposition

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MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords

AROUND TOWN

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culinary names is bringing a new restaurant to the reborn Palisades Village. Spacca Tutto, from James Beard Award-winning chef Nancy Silverton, is a modern Italian-American steakhouse inspired in part by her acclaimed Chi Spacca. Expect a serious steak program alongside seasonal seafood and vegetables, plus Chi Spacca favorites including Focaccia di Recco and chicken pot pie. There will also be nearly 250 wines, martinis and aperitivos—because apparently the Palisades is coming back hungry. Thursday, Oct. 15, 15255 Palisades Village Lane, Pacific Palisades. spaccatutto.com

Penfolds & La Monique 75th Anniversary Dinner: Celebrate a pair of major milestones as La Monique marks its first anniversary while teaming up with legendary Australian estate Penfolds for the 75th anniversary of Grange. Hosted by Penfolds Chief Winemaker Peter Gago, the intimate evening features rare library vintages, the new 100-point Grange and the 50-Year-Old Rare Tawny, paired with a curated menu by Chef David Fricaud featuring dishes like Beef Wellington and Butternut Squash Agnolotti. \$500 per person. Thursday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m., 849 Ocean Ave. opentable.com/r/la-monique-santa-monica

Whistle Pig Boss Hog - General Tasting: Guests will enjoy a guided tasting of WhistlePig 10-Year, 12-Year, and 15-Year, accompanied by cheese and charcuterie. Each ticket also includes a bottle of Wally's WhistlePig 12-Year Single Finish to take home. Saturday, Oct 17, 6 p.m., 214 Wilshire Blvd. opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=804382

Sunday Curry Club is Back: Spice up your Sunday with Curry Club at Chelsea Restaurant. This special experience celebrates the comforting, flavor-packed world of curry with a communal dining experience for \$48. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2460 Wilshire Blvd. resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/sunday-table-curry-club-2026-10-18-6

Rustic Canyon 20th Anniversary: “Tallula’s Returns” Takeover: A night honoring beloved former Rustic Canyon Family concepts features a takeover by chef Saw Naing (now of The Dutchess in Ojai). Naing cooks classic Mexican dishes and playful twists from Tallula’s, accompanied by agave spirit cocktails from longtime bar manager Justin Dicken and wine pairings curated by wine director Kathryn Coker. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1119 Wilshire Blvd. resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/rustic-canyon

Oktoberfest Meets Salt: Salt Restaurant’s Origins Culinary Series gets a German twist with an Oktoberfest-inspired dinner featuring Firestone Walker beers paired with a multi-course menu. Expect seasonal dishes, craft beer and plenty of Bavarian flavor in this special evening celebrating the flavors of fall. Thursday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way eventbrite.com/e/origins-culinary-series-oktoberfest-with-firestone-walker-at-salt-tickets-2001885817369

What’s New & Delicious: Matilda’s Bakery: Santa Monica has a new neighborhood bakery with a European accent. Matilda’s marries Old World baking traditions with California ingredients, turning out slow-fermented breads, four-day croissants, traditional sausage rolls and a shakshouka croissant. There’s also a butter menu featuring eight varieties to accompany its French-style baguette, plus coffee from Caffè Luxxe. Come for the pastries, stay for the butter. 3200 Airport Ave. matildasbakery.com

Tar & Roses Announces Closure on Oct. 24: Downtown Santa Monica’s beloved culinary anchor, Tar & Roses, has announced it will close its doors after 15 incredible years. Chef-owner Mark Gold and the team shared a heartfelt farewell to the community, thanking loyal diners and staff who have gathered there over the last decade and a half. Their final day of service will be Saturday, Oct. 24, giving fans two weeks to stop by, share a final meal, and raise a glass together. 602 Broadway. instagram.com/tarandrosesla

Pasjoli Listed by The Infatuation as One of “The Best French Restaurants In LA”: “Pasjoli used to be a fancy restaurant with tableside pressed duck and a multi-course tasting menu. But it’s more laidback these days, with a menu that leans in the direction of decadent bar food, like deboned cordon bleu chicken wings stuffed with prosciutto and molten cheese, a gooey burger with marrow aioli, and a French onion soup capped with gruyère that explodes when your spoon pokes in. The prices aren’t too daunting for a random Tuesday night dinner, but Pasjoli is still the kind of spot where you might overhear a business deal or spot a celebrity couple on a discreet date. Oh, and the pressed duck remains—for \$350.” 2732 Main St. <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-best-french-restaurants-in-la>

Further Afield: The Beverly Hills artSHOW: This free festival is a vibrant day of music, dance, interactive workshops, culinary delights and so much more, showcasing the rich tapestry of over 20 cultures from around the world. Oct. 17 & 18 <https://beverlyhills.org/231/Beverly-Hills-Art-Show--October-17-18-2>

Looking Ahead: LA Times Food Bowl (10/23-24); Montana Avenue Halloween Hop (10/31); Día de los Muertos at the Pier (10/31); SaMo Pier Swiss Winter Village (11/14 - 1/3)

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should sit within the site and how they could be used. The city is planning for the land after aviation operations end in 2028. Sasaki is the lead consultant.

The existing 8-acre Airport Park remains part of the debate. On Oct. 7, the Planning Commission endorsed a recreation commission letter urging the city to keep the park as it is rather than move it into a new active-sports district.

Free parking is available in the Memorial Park lot. Those who can’t attend can comment through an online survey or at upcoming board and commission meetings, including a Planning Commission meeting tentatively set for Nov. 18.

Information: smacproject.com

‘CARMEN’ ON THE BIG SCREEN

LA Opera opens its season Saturday, Oct. 17, with Bizet’s “Carmen,” and the opening-night performance at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles will be broadcast live and free to the Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier. It is the company’s 13th “Opera at the Beach” simulcast.

Gates open at 4 p.m. for family activities, including crafts with LA Opera Connects, balloon art, face painting, local performers, giveaways and food vendors. The broadcast begins at 6 p.m. on large LED screens. The opera is sung in French with English and Spanish subtitles and runs about 3 hours, 15 minutes with one intermission.

Domingo Hindoyan, LA Opera’s new music director, conducts Thaddeus Strassberger’s new production. Rihab Chaieb sings the title role, with Joshua Guerrero as Don José, Kathleen O’Mara as Micaëla and Liam James Karai as Escamillo.

Los Angeles County and Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, who represents the 3rd District, helped fund the event. “I’m thrilled to welcome LA Opera back to the Santa Monica Pier for a free simulcast of ‘Carmen,’ bringing world-class opera directly to our communities,” Horvath said in LA Opera’s

Sept. 28 announcement.

No tickets are required, but LA Opera asks attendees to register at LAOpera.org/Beach for parking information, updates and a free gift. Outside food and nonalcoholic beverages are allowed, and organizers suggest blankets, low lawn chairs and a jacket. Large coolers, canopies, tents, sun umbrellas and pets are prohibited. The pier sits at the western end of Colorado Avenue near the Metro E Line’s Downtown Santa Monica Station.

Information: LAOpera.org/Beach

MAIN STREET GOES TO THE DOGS, IN COSTUME

Main Street will close to cars from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, for the Main Street Block Party + Day of the Dog, a free, all-ages festival the Main Street Business Improvement Association bills as the city’s last street festival of 2026.

Day of the Dog, run by Pet-A-Palooza, takes place from noon to 5 p.m. between Pacific Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. It includes a canine costume contest, a haunted house for pups, breed-specific races and pet exhibitors. Other attractions include a VCA and Venice Paparazzi pet photo booth, Halloween and fall crafts, live music on the Main Street Stage, kids’ activities, a Route 66 centennial cake at 3 p.m. and a classic car meet from 2 to 6 p.m.

Admission is free. The only paid item is an optional \$10 Tito’s cocktail ticket, sold through Eventbrite, for the beer garden in the Ashland Hill parking lot, 2807 Main St., open 1 to 6 p.m. Eight dollars from each ticket goes to the Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation, and organizers hope to raise \$4,000.

Main Street will be closed from Pier Avenue to Pacific Street from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Big Blue Bus Routes 1 and 8 will detour. Metered and garage parking are available nearby.

Information: mainstreetsm.com

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