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Chi's plan to save the city gets unanimous approval

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved a comprehensive realignment plan Tuesday aimed at restoring public safety, revitalizing the downtown core and achieving fiscal stability by 2028, marking what officials called a pivotal moment for the coastal city's recovery from years of pandemic-era decline.

The multi-year framework responds to mounting challenges including rising homelessness, deteriorating public spaces, declining tourism revenues and a projected \$29.6 million structural deficit by fiscal year 2026-27. The plan will deploy \$60 million in previously allocated reserves to fund immediate investments in public safety, capital improvements and organizational capacity while pursuing new revenue streams to

balance the city's operating budget.

"This plan is about getting Santa Monica back on its feet – safe streets, vibrant neighborhoods, and a city organization strong enough to deliver," Mayor Lana Negrete said. "Realignment is our roadmap to a safer, cleaner, fiscally stable, and more hopeful future."

City Manager Oliver Chi framed the initiative as essential for the city's survival after years of compounding crises that eroded Santa Monica's once-strong financial foundation.

"Realignment is about getting Santa Monica back on its feet," Chi said. "We're investing in public safety, cleaning up our streets, and rebuilding the financial and organizational strength that make great cities endure. This plan is a promise – that Santa Monica's best days are ahead."

The city's fiscal position has

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Malibu accelerates fire rebuild efforts with fee waivers, streamlined permits

MAAZ ALIN

The City of Malibu has issued 354 permits for repairs, debris removal and reconstruction in the aftermath of the Franklin and Palisades Fires, marking steady progress in what officials describe as one of California's most complex rebuilding environments.

City officials announced that 92 planning applications have been approved from 168 submittals received, with six building permits already issued for single-family homes and six more expected within the week. The figures are updated daily on the city's public Malibu Rebuild Dashboard as part of transparency efforts.

"Malibu has always been defined by its people, and their strength, compassion, and resilience," said Mayor Marianne Riggins. "In the aftermath of the Franklin and Palisades Fires, we are not just rebuilding structures; we are rebuilding a community. Every policy we adopt and every permit we issue reflects our shared determination to restore Malibu with care and purpose."

The city has launched a comprehensive Fee Waiver Program eliminating municipal planning and building permit fees for property owners rebuilding like-for-like, owner-occupied homes damaged or destroyed in the fires. The program applies to properties that served as primary residences and are being

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California expands mortgage relief program for wildfire survivors

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California announced it is significantly expanding income limits for its disaster mortgage relief program, allowing thousands more homeowners affected by recent wildfires to qualify for grants of up to \$20,000.

The CalAssist Mortgage Fund will now accept applications from Los Angeles County households earning up to \$211,050 annually, a \$70,000 increase from the previous threshold. The expansion specifically targets survivors of the devastating 2025 wildfires that struck the region in January.

"Disaster recovery isn't some offthe-shelf formula; it's communitydriven and grounded in what actually works," said Gov. Gavin Newsom. "That's why we listened to local leaders, adapting what's working and staying focused on results. Today's expansion of mortgage relief in Los Angeles underscores that commitment because real recovery doesn't leave anyone behind."

The program provides grants covering up to three months of



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FUND: The CalAssist Mortgage Fund will now accept applications from Los Angeles County households earning up to \$211,050 annually, a \$70,000 increase from the previous threshold.

mortgage payments, with funds sent directly to mortgage servicers. Recipients never have to repay the money, and applications are processed free of charge. The California Housing Finance Agency administers the program using state funding.

To qualify, homeowners must have their primary residence destroyed or severely damaged by disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2023, and Jan. 8, 2025. Eligible disasters include the Eaton Fire, Palisades Fire, Park Fire, and San Diego floods, among others across

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H. KENT HODSON July 19, 1938 - September 29, 2025

. Kent Hodson of Champaign, Illinois, formerly of Culver City, died 12:05 a.m., September 29, 2025, at Accolade Healthcare of Savoy.

Kent Hodson was born at Gothenburg, Nebraska, on July 19, 1938. He was the son of Howard A. Hodson and Violet L. (Carr) Hodson. His

parents and his sister Connie L. White predeceased him. He is survived by his next of kin, cousins Thomas Hodson and Kay E. Hodson of Champaign, Illinois.

In his childhood, Kent worked with his parents on a diversified, irrigated farm which had been homesteaded by his great grand parents East of Gothenburg, Nebraska. His education began at a nearby country school. Kent graduated from the Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska. He received a B.S. and M.S. at the University of Nebraska. He continued his education at UCLA where he earned a Ph.D. in botany.

Following post doctorate research at UCLA, Kent joined the faculty at Santa Monica College. Professor Hodson served Santa Monica City College and its community throughout the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. As a professor of biological science, he made a lasting impact on students

with his passion for teaching and his genuine care for their success. A respected colleague and leader, Professor Hodson served as department chair and as president of the faculty senate. Always forward-thinking, he played a key role in bringing Santa Monica College into the computer age, becoming its first director of

instructional computing. With a group of students working under his leadership,

website. In addition to his academic contributions, Professor Hodson was a passionate environmentalist. He dedicated significant time to researching and preserving local shoreline habitats, documenting their unique flora and working for their conservation. His impactful career was unfortunately cut short due to injuries sustained in a fall at home

he created the college's very first

Professor Hodson moved to Champaign, Illinois, in 2016 to be closer to family. During his time in Champaign, Kent was a member of Champaign West Rotary and the Illinois Club.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the Santa Monica College Foundation endowment for the Kent Hodson Award for Advanced Study in the Biological Sciences or to ShelterBox USA.

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New enforcement targets people living in cars, RVs on California streets



Photo by Florence Middleton for CalMatters

RV: A tow truck removes an RV owned by Wayne Gardiner, 58, for more than 20 years during a sweep at Columbus Park, San Jose's largest homeless encampment, on Aug. 25, 2025. The city offered residents \$2,000 for their RVs. "The facts of life is that things like this will happen. You have to take the deal because they're gonna take it anyways," he said. "I have to just let it go."

For months, cities around the state have ramped up enforcement against people sleeping in tents on the street. Now, some are focusing on a new target: People who live in vehicles.

Wayne Gardiner, 58, watched his home of 20 years roll onto the back of a flatbed tow truck in San Jose on a recent Monday afternoon. Then he realized he'd forgotten something inside.

He threw open compartments in the bottom of the RV as fast as he could, looking for the pressure-washing tools he uses for cleaning jobs to make extra money. As the RV rose up onto the truck, about to head off to a junk yard, Gardiner found the black backpack full of tools and pulled it out.

Then he stood back with his rottweiler, Buddy, and some of his possessions in green trash bags at his feet, and watched the truck drive away. He held his emotions in check.

"If I get myself involved with that, I'll be a wreck," Gardiner said. "I gotta let it go."

San Jose is towing vehicles from different areas of the city in a new effort to rid the streets of lived-in vehicles. Last month, it started clearing its largest homeless encampment – a makeshift city in Columbus Park, where Gardiner and hundreds of other people had been sleeping in cars, RVs and tents.

San Francisco passed a new policy this summer banning large vehicles from parking on any city street for more than two hours — effectively making it illegal to live in an RV on the street.

Even smaller cities, including Carlsbad outside of San Diego, and San Mateo in the Bay Area, have adopted new policies targeting people living in cars and RVs.

The issue has attracted the attention of state legislators as well. Assembly Bill 630, which cleared another legislative hurdle Friday, would make it easier for certain cities to dispose of RVs parked on their streets.

"We have stories from people who have inoperable RVs that are parked in their neighborhoods, under freeways, that they know are ground-zero for drugs, for

prostitution rings, for other criminal activities that are happening there," said the bill's author, Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez, a Los Angeles Democrat. "So what we're trying to do is address this issue head-on."

The push comes as rows of RVs and lived-in cars line streets in cities across the state, frustrating voters and creating issues with trash, waste water and traffic visibility. The number of lived-in vehicles on San Francisco's streets has risen over the past year — from 474 in July 2024 to 612 in June 2025, even as the number of tents dropped from 319 to 165, according to the city's count.

Vehicle homelessness can be more difficult for cities to manage than tent encampments. People often are reluctant to give up the safety and security of their RV or car in exchange for a temporary shelter bed or short-term housing. And many cities have nowhere to store RVs, and nowhere for them to park legally.

Advocates for the rights of unhoused Californians say doling out punishment to deal with the issue will make the homelessness crisis worse. When cities tow lived-in cars and RVs, their owners often can't get them back because they can't pay the towing and storage fees, said Eleana Binder, public policy director for GLIDE, which serves San Franciscans living in homelessness and poverty. They end up with nowhere else to go.

"It does increase street homelessness, because people are right on the edge," she said. "For a lot of people, a vehicle is their only asset, their last step before street homelessness."

TICKETS AND TOWS

Ordinances that regulate homeless encampments often target people sleeping in tents, not vehicles. As a result, police have used parking ordinances to try to clear vehicle encampments by giving tickets and either towing or threatening to tow. But that approach doesn't take into account the fact that the cars and RVs are people's homes.

AROUND TOWN

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Your Halloween Weekend Events Guide



Courtesy image

FRIDAY: There are options for kids Downtown.

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes A LOT of Halloween events for kids and adults, Museum of Illusions opening, and much more!

Museum of Illusions Now Open on 3rd St. Promenade: The museum boasts a collection of over 80 exhibits and is designed for all ages. The museum will teach visitors about vision, perception, the human brain and science, helping them understand why the eyes see things that the brain cannot comprehend. 1232 3rd St. moisantamonica.com

Live Talks: An Evening with Judd Apatow in conversation with Marc Maron: discussing his book, Comedy Nerd: A Lifelong Obsession in Stories and Pictures. Thursday, Oct. 30, 8p.m., New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. https://livetalksla.org/events/judd-apatow/

Halloween Party on the Promenade with Free Trick-or-Treating Throughout Downtown: This free, family-friendly Halloween celebration brings the community together with trick-or-treating at participating businesses throughout Downtown Santa Monica and a Halloween party on the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade. Friday, Oct. 31, 3 - 6p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trick-or-treat-downtown-santa-monicatickets-1731327791029

Montana Ave. Halloween Hop: Join us on Halloween Day on Montana Avenue from 3–6 PM for trick-or-treating, activities, sales, and more! Bring the whole family (and your best costumes!) for a spooktacular afternoon, and don't forget to tag @ montanaavesm during your visit! Friday, Oct. 31, 3-6p.m. https://www.instagram.com/p/DP10DYTkt04/?igsh=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ==

Not No Bar Halloween Bash: Costumes are mandatory at Six Feet Under The Disco! Not No Bar will have a spread of spiked punch and wicked pizza to make the night magical. Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 5p.m., 2424 Main St. https://www.instagram.com/p/DQNwV1BiUqi/

HalLouLouween: Step into the glamour of the dark side... Enter LouLou's haunted world where elegance meets mystery. Live Entertainment Bewitched Shows Haunted Room Dressed to Impress *Costume Mandatory* Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 6p.m., 395 Santa Monica Place https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-2025-le-freak-cest-chic-tickets-1767150477649

1212's Love Island Halloween Party: Get ready to couple up for the spookiest night in the villa with a Love Island-themed Halloween bash. Expect sultry vibes, a live DJ, cheeky cocktails, and a sea of glam costumes under the neon lights. Whether you come dressed as your favorite Islander, a ghostly bombshell, or something wickedly original, you'll be living your best villa life all night long. Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 9p.m., 1212 3rd St. Promenade https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1212-presents-love-island-halloween-partytickets-1758809278899

Chez Jay Annual Halloween Bash in The Backyard: No reservations required. Just come by. Halloween contest at 9p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 4p.m., 1657 Ocean Ave. instagram.com/chezjay1959

Santa Monica Pier Celebrates Día de los Muertos: Event Highlights include a parade, mariachi, and dance and band performances. Guests can enjoy face painting, art displays, vendor offerings, and hot chocolate from Soda Jerks while strolling through the transformed venue. Guests are encouraged to bring a photo of a loved one to contribute to the community ofrenda. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1 & 2 santamonicapier.





Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the morning.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

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deteriorated dramatically since 2018, when reserves stood at \$435.8 million. Today, non-restricted reserves total just \$158 million, with only \$98 million unobligated. The decline stems largely from \$230 million in childhood sexual-abuse settlements, compounded by pandemic impacts and declining revenues. Sales tax revenue dropped 6% and transient occupancy tax fell 10% in fiscal year 2024-25.

Council members expressed strong support for the comprehensive approach.

"I think that this agenda is our blueprint to make Santa Monica safe, clean and vibrant again and to hold ourselves accountable to delivering real results for the community," Councilmember Caroline Torosis said.

Councilmember Ellis Raskin praised the plan's scope, saying it "really feels like the embodiment of that vision and I really am so

thankful for the work that our staff team has put in to make this possible. I'm really excited for the future."

The plan organizes initiatives around five strategic priorities: achieving safe neighborhoods and clean streets, activating economic opportunity and growth, developing affordable housing, creating organizational capacity, and building organizational health.

Public safety reforms concentrate resources downtown, where 36% of crime calls and 50% of homeless-related calls originate. A new Downtown Police Substation at Santa Monica Place will house an expanded 8-10 officer Downtown Services Unit, supplemented by five patrol officers and two homeless outreach officers daily. Eight new Public Safety Officers will patrol the Promenade, parks and parking structures

With 43 officers eligible for retirement, the city will authorize 10 officer overhires to maintain staffing during the 12-18 month training period. The plan also calls for partnering with Metro on train platform enforcement, relocating the SamoShel homeless shelter from downtown to a new "healing center" model integrating addiction treatment and mental health services, and expanding prosecutorial capacity to handle approximately 90% of fileable cases.

"I really appreciate that this moves us to a more proactive way of addressing our city's issues rather than the reactive way that we have been doing it," Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya said.

Physical improvements include a \$3.5 million downtown capital program targeting infrastructure renewal, with most work completed by early 2026. Projects include comprehensive tree pruning, planting 37 new trees, refreshing 403 tree wells, repairing 20,000 square feet of sidewalks, replacing 125 trash cans, and modernizing crosswalks and signage. An additional \$500,000 will fund corridor improvements in partnership with business improvement districts on Montana Avenue, Main Street, Pico Boulevard and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Economic development strategies focus on large-format activations, including monthly events on the Promenade and developing a major Santa Monica Music Festival in 2026 in partnership with Goldenvoice. The plan calls for exploring expansion of the Downtown Entertainment Zone to other business districts and the pier.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick noted staff had listened to council and community ideas "and for weaving it into a plan that is exciting and audacious but also grounded in its ambition." He affirmed he would vote for the plan.

Permitting reforms aim to streamline development processes, with commitments to one-week turnaround for ADU conversions, two weeks for restaurant tenant improvements, and five weeks for new mixeduse construction. The city will pilot artificial intelligence-based plan checks for single-family homes and ADUs.

To incentivize restaurant expansion, the plan waives \$1,400-per-seat city wastewater capacity fees and reduces outdoor dining license fees to \$1 per square foot for sidewalk dining and \$2 for parklets. Branch libraries will reopen for three-day-per-week service starting January 2026, expanding to four days in July 2026.

Councilmember Barry Snell emphasized

the economic focus, saying the plan "is the first time that I've seen a plan that could actually work, could actually bring our economic vitality back to our downtown." He highlighted the fiscal goal of "putting ourselves in a positive financial position in two and a half years which is incredible."

Housing initiatives include new vacant property and rent registry ordinances tracking approximately 170 vacant properties and 15,000 non-rent-controlled units. The city will prioritize housing development downtown while studying policies to ensure boulevard development remains compatible with residential neighborhoods.

Revenue strategies include parking adjustments generating \$9 million annually starting January 2026, ambulance operations producing \$7 million beginning February 2026, digital signage concessions adding \$4.5 million, and credit card convenience fees contributing \$1 million. Staff continues assessing a potential 2026 parcel tax generating \$12 million annually to backfill the expiring Joint Use Agreement with the school district.

The plan projects modest deficits in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 before achieving a \$3.4 million surplus by fiscal year 2027-28. Strategic development of four downtown properties – including the Kiss-and-Ride Lot, Parking Structure 1, Old Fire Station 1, and the 4th/5th/Arizona site – could generate \$100-200 million to rebuild reserves to \$200-300 million by 2028.

Public reception to the plan was mixed. Supporters have backed the plan for its scope, reach and necessity. Opponents have focused on the lack of public input and inability to provide comments before adoption.

Councilmember Dan Hall acknowledged the stakes involved.

"I'll close for now just by simply acknowledging this plan is a big bet on our community, on our capacity as a staff, on our shared belief that Santa Monica's best days are ahead of us and not behind us," Hall said.

Mayor Negrete emphasized the plan's focus on accountability and results.

"I am proud of this realignment plan because it reflects what I fought for and many have fought for from the beginning – transparency, accountability, safety and results," Negrete said. "And so if it took rebranding to finally get it done I'll take it as long as it serves the people that we serve."

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Development Agreement 25ENT-0021 1202 3rd Street Promenade

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Santa Monica to consider approval of a Development Agreement for the installation and operation of a new, approximately 1,000 square foot full motion LED digital display that would be installed on the upper level façade of the existing commercial building at 1202 3rd Street Promenade (the Project). The digital display will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights.

The City Council will also consider adopting findings of categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1- Existing Facilities), Section 15303 (Class 3- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

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

Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to:

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Re:

25ENT-0021 Development Agreement at

1202 3rd Street Promenade

VIA EMAIL:

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MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Rachel Kwok by e-mail at Rachel.Kwok@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso público sobre una nueva señalización en Santa Mónica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov



CITY OF SANTA MONICA ORDINANCE NUMBER 2834 (CCS) (CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.68, TO ESTABLISH A NEW FIVE-KILOMETER RACE ROUTE, AND MODIFYING THE PERMITTED RACE FREQUENCY PARAMETERS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2834 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2834 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Chapter 4.68, Community Events, to provide for a new five-kilometer race route (Palisades-Beach Route) beginning at Ocean and Colorado Avenue, north through Palisades Park, west at the California Incline to the beach path, north on the beach path, where participants will turn around and go south on the beach path, east at the California Incline, south through Palisades Park to the finish line at Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue. Races on the Palisades-Beach Route may only occur on Sunday mornings from seven a.m. until eleven a.m., with a total of three races per year along the route occurring September through May. The Ordinance also increases the number of races that may occur per year in the City. The Ordinance takes effect immediately.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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the state.

The Palisades Fire alone destroyed 6,837 structures and damaged an additional 973 buildings after igniting Jan. 7, 2025, in the Pacific Palisades area northwest of Santa Monica. Driven by intense Santa Ana winds, the blaze consumed approximately 23,448 acres before being contained Jan. 31, making it one of California's most destructive wildfires.

Eligible properties include single-family homes, condominiums, and permanently affixed manufactured homes with up to four units. Applicants must carry a traditional mortgage or a reverse mortgage on the damaged property.

The expanded program represents part of California's broader disaster response efforts. Since the wildfires began, the state deployed over 16,000 first responders and recovery personnel at the response's peak. Federal agencies have approved \$2.57 billion in Small Business Administration assistance and disbursed \$159 million in individual aid.

California achieved what officials called the fastest major disaster cleanup in American history, completing debris removal from more than 10,000 fire-damaged parcels within six months. State and federal crews cleared hazardous waste from 9,000 homes in less than 30 days, with up to 500 expert crews from the Army Corps of Engineers working around the clock.

The state has implemented sweeping recovery measures beyond mortgage relief. Newsom suspended permitting requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act and California Coastal Act to accelerate

rebuilding. His administration extended tax filing deadlines, suspended property tax penalties for a year, and prohibited evictions of tenants housing fire survivors.

Additional protections include expanded price-gouging restrictions on rent, hotel costs and building materials. The governor also issued orders protecting fire victims from predatory real estate speculators making unsolicited below-market offers on damaged properties.

Educational recovery progressed rapidly, with all eight affected school districts resuming in-person instruction. Nine water systems serving fire-damaged areas have been fully reactivated.

The CalAssist Mortgage Fund launched in June 2025 with \$100-105 million in funding derived from the National Mortgage Settlement. The program was specifically designed to help homeowners bridge financial gaps during disaster recovery periods when insurance claims and federal assistance may be delayed.

County-by-county income limits for program eligibility are available on the California Housing Finance Agency website. The expansion ensures more middle-income families affected by California's increasingly severe wildfire seasons can access critical financial support during the rebuilding process.

Applications for the expanded program are now being accepted through CalHFA, with funds continuing to be distributed on a firstcome, first-served basis to qualified applicants.

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SUBJECT: Development Agreement 25ENT-0086 1310 3rd Street Promenade

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SUBJECT: **Development Agreement 24ENT-0024** 395 Santa Monica Place

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RV

FROM PAGE 2

In some places, new policies that specifically address people living in cars and RVs try to address that problem by providing services as well as tickets and tows.

Gardiner, who watched the city of San Jose tow his home, was luckier than many. The city paid him \$2,000 for his RV, as part of a pilot program intended to convince people to give up their vehicles and move indoors. He also got a free hotel room, where the city told him he could stay for up to a year.

Gardiner was one of several hundred people living in San Jose's largest encampment - a sprawling collection of RVs, cars and tents scattered across a rutted, dirt field in Columbus Park and spilling onto surrounding streets. City crews began clearing the camp in August, and have towed 78 vehicles and moved 128 people indoors, according to the

The city estimates 370 people lived at Columbus Park when the operation started, but advocates say it was more. And not everyone has been offered the \$2,000 buyback program, a motel stay or other help.

Valerie Vallejos, who lives in her van at Columbus Park while she studies cosmetology at San Jose City College, said she was visiting her children in Stockton when outreach workers came to the park offering people services. Now she's trying to get on the list, hoping to get a housing placement or at least a reprieve from threats of towing. So far, she's had no luck.

"I'm going to keep coming back out until I get something," she said. "It's my only option. What else can I do?"

San Jose is cracking down in other places, too. Officials launched a pilot program earlier this year that bans oversized and lived-in vehicles in certain parts of the city. The city first posts signs and puts up flyers warning people to move their vehicles, then tows if people don't move. Since January, the city has towed 19 RVs and trailers and 45 other vehicles, according to its online dashboard. But many vehicles return after the enforcement blitz. To date, the city has completed enforcement in 38 "tow-away zones," where there were a total of 1,175 cars and RVs. Ninety days after that enforcement, 671 vehicles had returned to those locations.

"It's a start," said San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, who acknowledged that towing won't magically make street homelessness disappear. But he said even forcing RVs to move temporarily can help mitigate the problems the city has seen in long-standing encampments, such as methamphetamine labs, fires and the accumulation of dilapidated, abandoned vehicles.

This is about providing relief to neighbors and small businesses that have had permanent RV encampments for years on end," Mahan

Since the beginning of the year, San Jose has enforced three "tow-away zones" in the blocks around Barnard Avenue where 51-yearold Esmeralda Herrera lives in a parked trailer with her elderly dog, Kiba. She lost her job as a janitor for the Santa Clara County school district during the COVID-19 pandemic, and then a rent increase drove her out of her apartment.

Herrera is on a waitlist for affordable housing, but she hasn't seen any progress, she said. In the meantime, Herrera said she bounces all over the city, moving to a new block every time the police threaten to tow her trailer. She's afraid to leave for job interviews, because she worries that when she gets back, the trailer and her beloved dog will be gone.

"I don't know what I would do," she said. "I don't want to be in the street."

'PUBLIC ROAD IS NOT PERMANENT HOUSING'

San Francisco is set to begin enforcing its new RV parking rules this fall. Like San Jose, it plans to pay people to give up their RVs. In addition, people can get a temporary reprieve from towing if they agree to work with a case manager on a housing plan. But only people who have been on the city's radar since May 2025 are eligible.

"I'm really worried that people are going to end up slipping through the cracks of the permit program, or losing their permit and getting towed," Binder said. "And for so many people, getting towed means ending up on the streets. That's my biggest fear: That we'll see people suffering and more people ending up on the street that weren't before and don't have to be."

In March, Carlsbad expanded its camping ban to include sleeping in vehicles on public property — an infraction that carries a \$100 penalty for a first offense, a \$200 penalty for a third offense, and a \$500 penalty for subsequent offenses. Since the change, the city has issued 34 vehicle camping citations and 77 oversized vehicle parking citations, and towed 12 vehicles, said Mandy Mills, the city's director of housing and homeless services.

The city received a \$3 million state grant to help people living in vehicles move indoors, both by paying for temporary housing subsidies and funding the salaries of two outreach workers to connect people with

In San Mateo, sleeping in a vehicle on public streets has been illegal since the 1990s. But it wasn't enforced. In June, City Council voted to start giving people tickets after they refused two offers of shelter.

"The public road is not permanent housing," said City Manager Alex Khojikian.

Gonzalez's bill was intended to help cities like San Mateo clean up their streets. The bill cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday with a last-minute amendment that limits its scope to Alameda and Los Angeles counties.

The bill would give cities in those counties more freedom to dispose of abandoned or inoperable RVs. Under current law, a city can trash abandoned RVs valued at \$500 or below, but anything more valuable is sold at auction. Someone else can buy that RV and return it to the street, Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez's bill would raise that threshold to \$4,000, allowing cities to more easily junk RVs and get them off the street for good.

While Gonzalez says his legislation wouldn't target RVs in which people are currently living, the bill doesn't define what makes a vehicle "abandoned." Opponents, including the California Public Defenders Association, worry that will allow cities to tow too broadly, and remove much-needed shelter from California's homeless population.

A separate piece of legislation, Senate Bill 692, would have lowered a different threshold cities have to meet before they can tow "abandoned or inoperable" vehicles. The bill, by Oakland Democratic Sen. Jesse Arreguín, is dead for this year, but may move forward again next year, as Arreguín says he will continue to work with stakeholders on amendments.

In the meantime, in San Jose, Herrera will continue bouncing around the city's streets with her dog.

"I don't know what is my next step if they tell me to move, because I've been everywhere, she said, "and I'm not getting anywhere with the homeless programs."

AROUND TOWN

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Papille Gustative Tales from a Lavish Crib Halloween Party: Enjoy waves of champagne, caviar, seafood, steaks, sweets, and more along with a DJ on the patio, dancing, games, tarot readings, and best costume prizes. \$95/person. Saturday, Nov. 1, 6:30 - 10:30p.m., 2823 Main St. instagram.com/papillegustativela

A Night of Comedy with Kevin Nealon at broadstage: Best known for his nine-year stint on NBC's Saturday Night Live and his leading role on Showtime's hit series Weeds, Nealon is an Emmy and SAG-nominated actor and comedian with a unique comedic style that has resonated with fans for decades. Prepare to experience his fresh and engaging humor live, as he weaves tales and observations into an unforgettable evening of comedy. Saturday, Nov. 1, 7:30p.m., 1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/kevin-nealon/

Magic Fundraiser for SaMo Democratic Club:

Join Albie Selznick and friends for one night only at Illusion Magic Lounge. Eight magicians from the Magic Castle will perform. Sunday, Nov. 2 6 - 7:30p.m., 148 4th St.https://secure.actblue.com/donate/magicsmdc

Live Talks: An Evening with Werner Herzog: From legendary filmmaker and author Werner Herzog, a compact, effervescent, and deeply personal exploration of art, philosophy, and history that unravels one of our most elusive and contested questions: What is truth—and how to find it in our "post-truth" era? Tuesday, Nov. 3, 8p.m., New Roads School 3131 Olympic Blvd. livetalksla.org/events/werner-herzog/

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Weekly Western Wednesday Line Dancing (through 10/29); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 10/31)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

French Wine Takeover - Les Enfants Sauvages × Crudo e Nudo: Juri makes these beautiful wines with his mother Carolin at their estate, Les Enfants Sauvages (The Wild Children), where craft progressive, terroir-driven wines. This will be a relaxed by-the-glass takeover, with Juri and Dash pouring wines tableside throughout the evening. Come ready to taste something special and hear the stories behind these remarkable wines directly from the maker. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2724 Main St. instagram.com/crudo_e_nudo

A Taste of Tuscany on the California Coast: Il Borro Toscana Takes Over Fairmont Miramar's FIG Restaurant with Four-Course Wine Dinner: Nestled in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, Il Borro Toscana is a Sustainable Relais & Châteaux-recognized estate and certified organic winery, renowned for its commitment to responsible winemaking and authentic Italian heritage. Monday, Nov. 3, 6:30p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/explore/event-calendar/#!/e/evening-with-il-borro-four-course-dinner-wine-pairing-4dcb2fdd

Broken Spanish Comedor Now Open: This is an evolution of Chef Ray Garcia's landmark restaurant, Broken Spanish. Reimagined through a more relaxed lens, Broken Spanish Comedor revives the bold, contemporary voice of Alta California cuisine that defined Broken Spanish. Garcia calls it, "a neighborhood offshoot of Broken Spanish with the same quality, same passion, and a community-centric approach" offering food that balances refinement and comfort, honors tradition, and remains rooted in California's terroir and modern sensibilities.12565 Washington Blvd. brokenspanishcomedor.com

Heavy Handed Makes The Infatuation's Best Smashburger List: "As the lone smashburger option in Santa Monica, this small yellow walk-up window on Main Street is a destination for touristy types on the Westside, and that's before you factor in their dipped soft serve cones, beef tallow fries, and a long list of craft beers on tap. The strongest burger traits here are the beef (substantial, flavorful ground short rib) and bun (a buttery toasted potato roll)." 2912 Main St. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-smashburgers-los-angeles

Mélisse Receives One Knife Award from The Best Chef Awards: Santa Monica's legendary Chef Josiah Citrin is regarded across the industry for his culinary innovation and award-winning restaurants with three locations in our seaside city, including Augie's on Main, one Michelin One Star Citrin and Michelin Two Star Mélisse. At the 9th edition of The Best Chef Awards, Mélisse was honored with One Knife at this renowned ceremony for the restaurant's endless pursuit of excellence. https://thebestchefawards.com/chefs/josiah-citrin/

Further Afield: West Hollywood Halloween Carnaval: The massive block-party style Halloween spectacle returns taking over a one-mile stretch of Santa Monica Blvd between Doheny Dr and La Cienega Blvd. Expect DJ sets, food trucks and thousands of attendees dressed in their costumed best. Free. Friday, Oct. 31, 6 - 11 p.m. https://www.visitwesthollywood.com/halloween-carnaval/

Looking Ahead: Ice at Santa Monica (11/7); LA Wine & Food Festival (11/7-9); Montana Ave. Holiday Walk (12/6); Main St. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party (12/7); SaMo 150th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration (12/13)

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301 Arizona Avenue/1253 3rd Street Promenade

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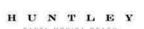




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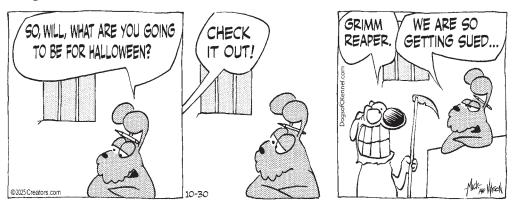
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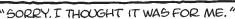


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By PETER GALLAGHER 51

Strange Brew By JOHN DEERING







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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The dance you do when you wonder if something is good enough to share? That's self-curation. It's protective (because you've learned certain people can be unpredictable), but it's also a craft in itself. It forces you to polish your work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Money is just math until you touch it. Then it becomes emotion. Today you'll notice the feeling more than the number. Whether what comes up is envy, pride, relief, fear or other, follow the sensation and you'll learn what you really value.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Momentum works the same in physics as it does in life: Once you start moving, it's easier to keep going. Each decision clears uncertainty and makes the next choice simpler, until suddenly you've built speed in a direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If what you see looks stark and ugly, don't believe it. Reality can warp like a bad mirror in a discount dressing room, exaggerating flaws. Step back, soften your gaze, and remember: The reflection is not the truth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Of course action takes energy, but it will actually take a lot less energy than talking about action. Whether you're listening or speaking, too many words overexplaining or overcommunicating drain you. Brevity helps you maintain strong energy levels.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone else's needs clash with your own. There's no way to do your thing and their thing at the same time. Who should go first? The first position won't be advantageous to you; invite others to lead the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't let shopping or spending be the starting point. You don't need to buy anything new to make progress. You already have enough of the main ingredient to get going, which is energy. Apply your vitality to different approaches and plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It doesn't take much courage to trade what isn't working for what might work. But you have to be pretty brave and optimistic to trade good ideas for better ones, trusting that the upgrade is worth the risk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Letting people's opinions and remarks slide instead of obsessing. Keeping your schedule light. Doing just enough to move forward without straining. Taking breaks, floating from task to task, refusing to let life grind you down... you're living with agility and freedom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Three roles beckon: critic, competitor, solver. The first two are crowded fields. The third is wide open. You'll spot the fix that makes everything work better, and suddenly, you're indispensable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). On a basic human level, all are equal, but there are better and worse fits for your life at this time. So say yes to the friend who makes you laugh and no to the one who leaves you exhausted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Is there such a thing as a purely objective reality? If it did exist, would a human be capable of perceiving it? Let the philosophers argue endlessly while your empathy allows you to inch a little closer to a shared experience of life.

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 reuniongoers 1 Like tough guys 62 Short-music ending

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DOWN

1 Soft shoe

2 Santa Mountains

5 It's east of Le Mans

6 Peanut butter amt.

8 Amazon __ Studios

3 Freight carrier

7 No hardnose

9 Inflation stat.

11 Tangible honor

10 Caustic

4 Scurry, old-style

6 Weather stat 10 Allow antonym

13 Studio alert

14 Stowed stuff

15 Victor's cry

17 Gaffe

20 Perceive from afar

21 Heart's parts

22 Address angrily

26 Acknowledged silently

28 Catherine Parr, for about 19 months

31 Argues for

32 Betravs fear

33 Grammy category

36 B-boy connection

37 Soft tennis shots

38 Cotton quantity

39 Head word of a state capital

40 Branch of Islam

41 German exports

42 Pleasantly lively

44 Concurrences

47 Poe's autograph, e.g.

48 Vista, CA

49 Town near Santa Fe

51 Letters traceable to Greek

58 Reiterate

59 Set at a shop

60 John who's got an

61 Common

LAST CHANCE by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

40 Red Sea adjoiner

41 III at ease

18 First opened: Abbr. 42 Trafalgar Square

honoree

22 Small military unit 43 Cast aside

23 Consume slowly 44 What a lot might be

25 Spherical pounder

24 Sponsorship

26 Casual patron

formerly

16 Deftly done

19 Sets aside

27 Very long time

29 Speculates orally

30 "Are va up for it?"

33 Lines on pie charts

34 In-crowd

35 Hard to ditch

37 Conveyer of cool

45 Open, as oysters 46 "Bar" food

49 Lemonlike

50 __ mater

52 Brutish bruiser

53 End up with

54 Trying to follow

55 Horsepower fraction

56 Very long time

57 Cause of many

blowups

12 Microsoft Mobile, 38 Scottish accent <u>12</u> 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 43 47 45 49 50 <u>52</u> 53 55 56 58 60 59 62 63 CREATORS SYNDICATE ©2025 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM

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MALIBU

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rebuilt as like-for-like or like-for-like plus 10 percent.

Critical deadlines for the fee waiver program include June 30, 2028, when applications are due and planning applications must be deemed complete. All required building permits must be obtained by Dec. 30, 2030, or full fees will apply.

To support residents navigating the rebuild process, Malibu established a Zone Captain Program featuring homeowners from fire-impacted areas who serve as liaisons between residents and the city. The program includes captains for 14 zones spanning from Big Rock Beach to Las Flores, providing neighborhood-specific support and gathering feedback to improve the rebuild process.

Zone captains include Dean Wenner for Big Rock Beach East and Tuna Beach, Darren Graves for Big Rock Beach West, and Jason Sevazlian and Lea Johnson for Carbon Mesa, among others. Regular community meetings are scheduled, including design professional sessions on Nov. 13 and Dec. 3, and fire rebuild community sessions on Nov. 18, Dec. 11 and Jan. 14.

City Council has directed significant process improvements, with expert staff cutting review steps in half and establishing a one-stop rebuild portal. The Rebuild Center operates with 10 staff members and 35 consultants providing in-person support, completing most plan reviews within 10 days and issuing automated progress updates.

Starting Monday, dedicated case managers with recovery experience from Maui, Sonoma and Santa Cruz will be assigned to each homeowner after planning approval, ensuring direct communication and advocacy throughout the process.

Additional streamlining measures include

making mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits optional for homes under 5,000 square feet, launching architectural templates to reduce plan corrections, and introducing a single correction cycle to expedite approvals.

Officials acknowledge the unique challenges facing Malibu's recovery efforts. Unlike urban environments, the city's coastal topography, hillside terrain, slope stability considerations and stringent environmental protections create complex rebuilding conditions similar to those in Pacific Palisades.

"We know recovery in Malibu is complex, but we're committed to making it easier for residents to come home," Riggins said. "Together, we are ensuring that Malibu's future remains as strong and beautiful as the place we all love."

The city continues gathering resident feedback through the Zone Captain Program and weekly community meetings, with homeowner input directly informing

ongoing process improvements and policy development.

Recent progress includes a Sept. 22 zone captains meeting with city leadership, a Sept. 10 working session with 40 local design professionals, and a Sept. 9 technical session on coastal and geotechnical guidelines attended by more than 60 experts.

Malibu is also collaborating with Los Angeles County to share educational videos, permitting checklists and best practices as the community works toward comprehensive recovery.

"Our goal is not just to rebuild homes, but to restore the heart of Malibu — its people, neighborhoods, and identity," officials stated, emphasizing the city's commitment to rebuilding "carefully, compassionately, and with purpose."

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 25ENT-0135 (Structure of Merit Designation Appeal)

1125 18th Street APPELLANT: Pam O'Connor

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APPLICANT: Santa Monica Conservancy

PROPERTY OWNER: Houshmand Joseph Naim

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of Landmarks Commission Designation 25ENT-0069 of the front building located at 1125 18th Street as a Structure of Merit. Consideration of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including an exemption under CEQA Guideline 15061(b) (3) (Common Sense Exemption). At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 5:30 PM

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

Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to:

City Clerk Re:

1125 18TH Street Structure of Merit Designation Appeal (25ENT-0135)

VIA EMAIL: VIA MAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov 1685 Main Street, Room 102 Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Stephanie Reich at e-mail at stephanie.reich@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a <u>ana. fernandez@santamonica.gov</u>



THURSDAY | OCTOBER 30

JUDD APATOW WITH MARC MARON

8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater-New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica. Discussing his memoir, "Comedy Nerd: A Lifelong Obsession in Stories and Pictures". Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/judd-apatow-with-marcmaron/16991581/2025-10-30T20

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 31

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-10-31T08

2025 TRICK OR TREAT DOWNTOWN

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 1351 Third Street Promenade. Ready for a trick-or-treating adventure in Downtown Santa Monica? Halloween Party on the Promenade Join us on Third Street Promenade for a Monster Mash for all ages! Dogs are more than welcome to join the fun too (and hopefully wearing costumes of their own...) The party will include: Kid-friendly costumed characters Mini Pumpkin Patch - Pick your FREE pumpkin! (first come, first served) Pumpkin decorating Appearances by special guests! Games Face painting Photo ops Arts & Crafts Free treats, stickers, and tattoos And more! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/2025-trick-or-treat-downtown/16679542/2025-10-31T15

THE OFFICIAL HALLOWEEN BAR CRAWL (FRI & SAT)

4:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. Cabo Cantina 1240 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica. Get ready to celebrate Halloween like never before! On October 31st and November 1st, join us in Santa Monica for a spooktacular TWO-DAY bar crawl featuring creepy cocktails, outrageous costumes, and an electrifying atmosphere. We're making our way through Santa Monica's top bars with exclusive drink

deals, Halloween-themed entertainment, and surprises lurking around every corner. Grab your friends and throw on your most hilarious, horrifying, or out-of-this-world outfits—because this night is all about bold looks and big scares. Each stop on the crawl will bring a new vibe, from bone-rattling beats to ghoulishly good drinks. Whether you're dressed as a vampire, villain, or just out to vibe, this is the place to be for Halloween night. Santa Monica is turning up the fright and fun — and you won't want to miss a moment. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-official-halloween-bar-crawl-fri-sat-/16355332/2025-10-2176

TRICK OR DRINK: SANTA MONICA HALLOWEEN BAR CRAWL (3 DAYS)

6:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Britannia Pub 318 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles. Barcrawlerz is a Santa Monica Bar Crawl like no other. Trick or Drink features The Best Drink Specials and The Best Bars in Town. This is a THREE DAY EVENT! Saturday, October 25th: 4PM-2AM (Registration 4PM-10PM). Friday, October 31st: 6PM-2AM (Registration 6PM-11PM). Saturday, November 1st: 4PM-2AM (Registration 4PM-10PM). PARTICIPATING BARS: BRITANNIA PUB [REGISTRATION]. BARNEY'S BEANERY. CABO CANTINA. LANEA. LOULOU. SANTA MONICA WHALER. Here is how it works: 1) Pre-Purchase Your Bar Crawl Wristband. 2) Check in at Britannia Pub (318 Santa Monica Blvd) to get your wristband and map with participating bars, their location, and their drink specials. (Registration on Saturday 10/25 is from 4PM-10PM, Friday 10/31 is from 6pm-11pm, and Saturday 11/1 is from 4PM-10PM) *WRISTBAND MUST BE PICKED UP DURING THESE TIMES* 3) Your wristband gets you into any of the participating bars with no cover, plus gets you drink specials all night. 4) Have Fun! For questions, email info@barcrawlerz.com or Call 310-273-8772 Ext. 5. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/trick-or-drink-santamonica-halloween-bar-crawl-3-days-/16913358/2025-10-

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-10-31T18

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Better is helping our community breathe easier after a disaster.

The Disaster Relief Pulmonary Clinic at Saint John's was founded to help restore the lung health of our community after the January fires. The clinic offers specialized care to first responders and residents, focused on their long-term pulmonary health needs. Helping our neighbors heal is just one of the many ways we do everything for the better.

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