



# SANTA MONICA UPDATE

Santa Monica Update is a bi-weekly news show produced by City TV, the government cable channel for the City of Santa Monica. The show features news, packages, interviews, local sports and a calendar of events.

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### - Commission for the Senior Community

The City of Santa Monica's Department of Community and Cultural Services, **Human Services Division**, serves as liaison to the **Commission for the Senior Community**, a City Council-created commission that addresses issues related to the elderly.

The commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St. in Santa Monica. Agendas for this and all other city boards and commissions are available at [smgov.net/cityclerk/boards](http://smgov.net/cityclerk/boards).

For more information on the commission or other services for the elderly, please call the Human Services Division at (310) 458-8644, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on alternate Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours and on weekends, you may leave a message and your call will be returned on the next business day.

### Youth Programs and Services

The city's Community & Cultural Services Department, **Human Services Division**, provides a variety of programs for children, youth and teens. The division also supports local organizations and a number of youth programs through its **Community Development Program**.

**Virginia Avenue Park's Thelma Terry Center** offers homework assistance, employment assistance, recreational and cultural activities and youth support groups. For more information, please call (310) 458-8688, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For general information about youth services in Santa Monica, please call the city's Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on alternate Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The world-famous Santa Monica Pier offers great fun for the entire family. Take a walk along the Pier, stroll through the gift shops, visit the restaurants, or be adventurous and ride the giant Ferris wheel at Pacific Park to get a panoramic view of the coastline. Visitors of all ages enjoy the merry-go-round horses at our historic Carousel. Fishing is available on three fishing decks. Many attractions are open at night, especially during the summer, and live entertainment is featured in some of the restaurants. The Twilight Dance Series, which runs on Thursday nights from the beginning of July through early September, is a particular favorite of residents and visitors alike.

The Pier is open year-round, though hours vary by season for the entertainment venues. Pacific Park, which offers free admission, pay as you go rides and facility rentals for private parties, operates all year long, as well. The hours vary, however, so it is best to call the park for information before you plan your visit. The number to call is 260-8744.

The Carousel's schedule is also variable by season, however, rides cost only 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults. Children under 6 are free with a ticketed adult. For information on hours, please call 394-8042. The Carousel

is available for private parties and events. For details, please call (310) 395-4248.

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, a community program of Heal the Bay, is located on the lower level of the Pier at 1600 Ocean Front Walk. It features interactive displays, touch tanks filled with animals found in tide pools and aquaria exhibits are some of the main features of the Pier Aquarium. The aquarium offers school groups, families and visitors a unique view into the ocean world just outside its doors and is home to dozens of species of animals and plants of the Santa Monica Bay.

The aquarium is open daily, but hours vary. Please call (310) 393-6149 for information, or visit [www.healthebay.org](http://www.healthebay.org).



The Santa Monica Pier is open 365 days a year. Admission is free.

Parking is available on both the Pier Deck and the Beachfront nearby. Limited short term parking is also available.

Santa Monica weather forecast is available. For more information call (310) 458-8900.

Did you know the city offers award-winning summer, and winter and spring-school break day camps, which are reasonably priced and right in your neighborhood?

**Camp Santa Monica** - For youth ages 8-12, this camp offers exciting new enrichment courses, weekly field trips, swimming, and non-conventional programming. Activities focusing on such areas as nature and the environment, science, literacy, sportsmanship, and the arts, provide participants with a fun and educational experience. Weekly field trips to

**amusement parks, sporting events, and local attractions, along with weekly swimming trips, keep campers refreshed and engaged. Camp Santa Monica is offered during the summer, and during winter and spring school breaks.**

**Rosie's Girls - For girls entering 6th-8th grades, this three-week intensive program focuses on building participants' self-esteem, physical confidence, interpersonal cooperation, and leadership abilities, through learning and applying basic skills in areas such as carpentry, welding, self-defense, and firefighting. Rosie's Girls is offered during the summer only.**

**Santa Monica Sports Experience - For boys and girls ages 8-14, this unique camp offers a variety of sports activities, in conjunction with innovative theme weeks. Weekly activities include traditional sports such as flag football, soccer, baseball and volleyball, as well as special activities like rollerblading, boogie boarding and surfing. Santa Monica Sports Experience is offered during the summer, and during winter and spring school breaks.**

**Camp staff have extensive experience engaging children in fun and exciting activities that challenge their bodies and minds. All camp staff work with children year-round in school-based programs and have hands-on experience creating and delivering programs. All camp staff are also certified in CPR and first aid.**

**Financial assistance is available to qualifying families. For more information, please call the Youth Office at (310) 458-8540 between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours and on weekends, you may leave a message and your call will be returned on the next business day.**

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