



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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In collaboration with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the City of Santa Monica operates CREST (Child Care, Recreation, Enrichment, Sports, Together), a before-and-after school program at local elementary schools for children in kindergarten through fifth grades. Families can choose from a variety of program options including full time and part time, a sports program, and a recreational playground option. No fee is charged for the recreational playground option. Scholarships are available for eligible families for the fee-based options.

For more information about CREST after-school childcare programs for K-3 children, call the SMMUSD Office of Child Development Services at 399-5865. For all other CREST programs, please phone or visit the city's Youth

Office. The number is (310) 458-8540, and the office is located at 1133 Seventh Street in Christine Emerson Reed Park. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The city's Police Activities League (PAL), a joint project of the Santa Monica Police Department and Human Services Division, offers a drop-in recreation center and athletic, educational and cultural services for children and teens, ages 6 to 17. PAL is located at Memorial Park, 1401 Olympic Boulevard. For more information, please call (310) 458-8988.

Youth services at the Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Center include homework assistance, employment assistance, recreational and cultural activities and youth support groups. Please call (310) 458-8688 for information on these programs.

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Homework Assistance & Tutorial Programs

Extending the school day helps improve student achievement while providing constructive youth activities. Enroll your school-aged child in the city's **CREST program for fun and educational activities balanced with structured homework assistance. For more information on enrollment of 3rd and 4th graders in CREST, call the Youth Office (310) 458-8540. For kindergarten through second grade, contact the **SMMUSD** Child Development Services office at 399-5865.**

The City of Santa Monica offers a broad range of homework assistance and tutorial programs throughout the community. At the **Police Activities League, students can study, receive homework help, and use computers in a safe, and supportive environment. For information, call PAL at (310) 458-8988. Virginia Avenue Park offers its College-bound Club to assist students at John Adams Middle School to preparing for college including information on required courses, learning skills development and college and career opportunities. Class enrollment is by teacher referral. For more information, call (310) 458-8688.**

[Tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com) is an on-line tutoring service available at all **Santa Monica Public Library branches except Temporary Main. Designed for use by students in grades 4-12, the on-line program offers tutors around the country who are**

standing by to help youth with math, science, English or social studies questions.

Early Childhood and Childcare Programs

All children deserve the opportunity to have a successful future. Choosing a quality early childhood/child care program is important to your child's development. These programs are located in public agencies such as Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District or Head Start, private or not for profit organizations, churches and synagogues.

The city-funded [Marine Park Child Care Development Center](#) provides full-day, early childhood education and child care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The program serves city employees and residents of Santa Monica. Financial assistance is available to qualifying families.

For assistance in choosing an appropriate early childhood/childcare program, call Connections for Children at 452-3202, which provides free resource information and referrals about licensed early childhood/childcare programs in Santa Monica.

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Teen Services and Programs

For teens and their parents, adolescence is a time of happiness and troubles. It is also a time of great risks and great opportunities. If you suspect a teen you know is in need of help due to a personal problem such as alcohol, drugs, abuse or needs a non-judgmental place to talk about their feelings, or if you are in need of help, the following agencies or hotlines offer assistance.

For confidential telephone help, call Teen Line at (310) 855-HOPE (310-855-4673), between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. nightly. Specially trained teenage volunteers answer the phone. They won't judge callers or give advice. Their job is to listen to teens' feelings and help them clarify concerns, define options available and make positive decisions. Teenlineonline.org allows e-mail submissions about personal problems as well as information about resources nationwide.

For information or counseling concerning alcohol or drugs, call [Didi Hirsch Community Health Center](#) at (310) 306-2944, [CLARE Foundation](#) at (310)

314-6238 or these hotlines: **Alateen** – (888) 684-6444; **Alcoholics Anonymous** – (323) 759-9602; **Marijuana Hotline** – (888) 627-4582; or **Narcotics Anonymous** – (818) 997-3822.

For counseling information or a support group, contact the Pico Youth and Family Center at (310) 396-7101, **Saint John's Child and Family Development Center** at (310) 829-8921, **Jewish Family Services** at (310) 393-0732, or **Family Service of Santa Monica** at (310) 451-9747.

For information about tutorial services, employment services, and recreation programs, call the **Virginia Avenue Park** office at (310) 458-8688 during business hours.

You may also call the **Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District**, which operates many specialized programs for students and their families at (310) 450-8338, Ext. 288, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The City of Santa Monica's Architectural Review Board was created by the City Council for the purpose of promoting high standards of architectural design in the city. The ARB reviews plans for new construction, exterior renovations or additions within all commercial, industrial, and multi family residential zoning districts. The board also reviews plans for signs in all zoning districts. The intent of these reviews is to insure that the architectural scheme of proposed construction, exterior renovation or additions, as well as proposed new signs, are in harmony with the architectural scheme of the building, site, and surrounding area.

The ARB consists of 7 members, appointed by the City Council to serve 4 year terms. Two members must be professional architects and other members should be qualified to analyze and interpret architectural information.

Meetings of the ARB are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Agendas for this and all other city boards and commissions are available at smgov.net/cityclerk/boards.

For information on submittals to the ARB, or to obtain an application, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341 during regular

business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays, 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.

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Senior citizens play an important role in the City of Santa Monica by providing thousands of hours of volunteer service to a host of not-for-profit organizations and agencies. Seniors with some free time and an interest in becoming better acquainted with the community are invited to step up and volunteer! A directory of volunteer opportunities has been developed and is available at no charge to help you find the right place to exercise your skills and expertise for the betterment of people's lives, including your own. Call (310) 458-8300 to talk with our staff about current volunteer needs, or visit volunteer.smgov.net to view the directory volunteer on-line.

The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on alternate Fridays from 8 to 5. After hours and on weekends, you may leave a request for information with your name and address and it will be sent to you on the next business day.

You may also call WISE America Reads at 394-9871, extension 452 to be a volunteer tutor and/or homework helper for reading, writing, and/or math at a Santa Monica elementary school a city after-school program. All volunteers receive orientation and training in basic techniques for tutoring elementary age children (ages 6-11) in reading and writing. Those 55 and over are encouraged to apply, but all ages are welcome

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The City of Santa Monica Community and Cultural Services Department, Cultural Affairs Division, carries out long range strategic planning for the arts and manages the city's public "Percent for Art" Program. It oversees an art collection which includes more than 80 artworks in the city's portable Art Bank and more than thirty permanent pieces and murals. The division supports community art projects and local art organizations by administering the city's grant programs for the arts. The Cultural Affairs Division also produces the Santa Monica Festival every year in the spring.

For additional information on the city's Cultural Affairs Division or its programs, please visit the division's website at arts.smgov.net, or call (310) 458-8350 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and

alternate Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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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The City of Santa Monica offers fun and interesting enrichment classes at several local elementary schools. Musical theatre, art, dance, karate, tennis, Spanish and yoga are just a few of the many classes available to children in kindergarten through 5th grades. Classes enhance the learning experience by providing an outlet for participants to explore new and varied subjects not offered during the school day. Classes are affordable, offered at school (so there is no need to carpool to another location), and taught by award-winning, professional instructors. For information on school-based enrichment classes, call (310) 458-8540.

3 City Council Meetings & Agenda

Santa Monica City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:45 p.m. for the Consent Calendar and Closed Session with the public portion of the meeting starting at 6:45 p.m. The meetings take place in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Special meetings may also be held at other times at the request of the mayor, the city manager, or a majority of the council members. The Council meeting agenda is available in the City Clerk's Office, Room 102 in City Hall, a week prior to every Council meeting, as well as at all public libraries. Agendas are also available at smgov.net/cityclerk/boards.

The Council generally conducts meetings in the following order: Call to order, ceremonial matters, consent agenda, ordinances, administrative items, resolutions, written communications from the public, councilmember items and adjournment.

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The city also offers a full range of park-based enrichment classes for youth. *RecScape*, the community class schedule, is published quarterly and delivered to all Santa Monica residents as an insert to the city's newsletter *SeaScape*. For more information on classes, please call (310) 458-2239.

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City TV Programming

CityTV16, the City of Santa Monica 's government access channel, airs a variety of programming for Santa Monica residents on cable Channel 16, daily from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight.

- City Council meetings are televised live with gavel-to-gavel coverage every Tuesday that Council meets beginning at 5:45 p.m. Replays of Council meetings are aired on CityTV20, cable channel 20.
- CityTV16 also provides live coverage of Planning Commission and Rent Control Board meetings. School Board meetings are aired live on CityTV16 when they are held in the City Council Chambers and are replayed on CityTV20.
- *Santa Monica Update* is CityTV's news program about news, sports, events and people in Santa Monica. Santa Monica Update airs weekdays at 9 a.m., 12 noon, 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

A program schedule for CityTV is available on the city's website at citytv.org. For more information about CityTV programs, please call (310) 458-8590 during business hours, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 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. For information about cable TV service problems, please refer to [Message 474](#), or call Time Warner, the city's cable television franchisee, at 888-892-2253, or Verizon at 888-553-1555.

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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.

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.

The City of Santa Monica 's award winning website, www.smgov.net, includes an e-mail notification service that helps residents stay up-to-date as new information is added to it. To register for the Web Information Network, or WIN, visit win.smgov.net and enter your e-mail address, a password of your choosing, and then select from among nearly two dozen categories of interest. When there is a significant update in any of the categories you've selected, you'll receive an automatic e-mail notice. You can add new categories to your subscription, or unsubscribe at any time.

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Recreation & Parks Board

The [Recreation and Parks Commission](#) serves as an advisory board to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation, including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The commission considers the annual budget of the [Community and Cultural Services Department](#) during its preparation and makes recommendations on it to the City Manager and Council.

The commission consists of seven Santa Monica residents, none of whom may hold any paid office or employment in the city government. Commissioners serve four year terms.

The Recreation and Parks Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street. Agendas for this and all other city boards and commissions are available at smgov.net/cityclerk/boards.

For more information on the commission, please call (310) 458-8310 Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and alternate Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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**.

The **Police Activities League (PAL)**, a joint project of the **Santa Monica Police Department** and Human Services Division, offers a free drop-in recreation center and athletic, educational and cultural services for children and teens, ages 6-17. For more information, please call (310) 458-8988, Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

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.

After hours and on weekends, you may leave a message at any of these numbers and your call will be returned on the next business day.

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.



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lawrence P. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish over the last name.