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Santa Monica is home to a number of distinctive shopping districts, each with their own personality and character—and they're all within a few miles of one another.

On Santa Monica's Main Street, just a few blocks from the Pacific Ocean, you'll find eclectic retail shops, antiques, contemporary art, restaurants, coffee houses and evening entertainment all along the twelve blocks from Pico Boulevard to Rose Avenue, just a short walk from the beach. Visit www.mainstreetsm.com for more information.

On the north end of town, Montana Avenue is yet another shopping and Epicurean delight, with numerous boutiques and trendy restaurants lining the blocks between Lincoln Boulevard and 20th Street. Find out more at www.montanaave.com.

And finally, Pico Boulevard, just south of the Civic Center, offers exotic cuisines, fine dining, performances and theater venues, as well as specialty shops where you can find vintage records or clothing, ceramic art, quilting fabric, guitars, music lessons, maps and travelogues, costumes and even exotic pets. Learn more at www.picoblvd.org.

GROOVIN' AT THE 24TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES

Santa Monica Pier Twilight Dance Series begins June 26!

The Santa Monica Pier Twilight Dance Series will present three premieres, a 30-year reunion and ten weeks of summer fun in its 24th season! The concerts kick off June 26 with an opening night dance party, featuring L.A.'s favorite worldbeatniks The Bonedaddys and Oakland-based soulcollective Crown City Rockers. The best in eclectic and worldly rock, pop, jazz and blues will carry us through to August 28th's closing concert, a full evening with Reggae pioneer Toots & the Maytals!

Now too much fun for just two hours, the new concert hours are 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The season is marked by the West Coast debuts of the hugely popular Italian songstress Carmen Consoli in August; Dominican group Bachata Roja Legends featuring Puerto Plata; and Mike Farris from Nashville, Tennessee, with his tent-revival "Salvation in Lights" band.

Performing together in Southern California for the first time since the 1960s will be Peter & Gordon, sharing August 21 with their fellow British Invasion hit-makers Gerry & the Pacemakers. And the biggest stars in Hawaiian music, Keali'i Reichel and Na Leo, come together for their first ever free concert in Southern California, a special Independence Day "One Hawai'i" tribute to the mainland on July 3.



SUMMER SIREN
*Winner of the 2008 poster contest
created by designer Jeff Verges*

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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.

Click **here** for parking and shuttle bus information.

For more information on the Santa Monica Pier, please call the (310) 458-8900 or visit us on the web.

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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**.

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There will be a Commission for the Senior Community Meeting:

Date/Time: 7/16/2008 1:30 PM Location: Ken Edwards Center (1527 4th St.) Served by Big Blue Bus lines 1,2*,3*,4,5,7,8,9,10, Rapid 3 and TIDE Shuttle (* indicates stop closest to destination) Limited on-site metered parking is available (under building). Contact: Community Programs Division at (310) 458-8300 or TTY (310) 576-4754

There will be a Twilight Dance Series Free concert every Thursday night.

Date/Time: 7/17/2008
Location: Santa Monica Pier ()
Served by Big Blue Bus lines
1*,2,3,7*,8,9, 10* and TIDE Shuttle (*
indicates stop closest to destination)
directions/map parking map
Contact: www.twilightdance.org
Cost: Free



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.