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Annual Meeting!

Saturday, June 16, 2007 – 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Mt. Olive Church, 14th & Ocean Park Blvd.

Speakers:

**City Manager Ewell, Police Chief Jackman,
and Fire Chief Hone**

This is your chance to talk to the people in charge!

Door prizes and refreshments!

Vote for FOSP 2007–08 Board of Directors

(In order to vote, you will need to become a FOSP member by June 6th, ten days before the election.

A membership form is on the last page of the newsletter. Current members can renew their memberships at the meeting.

If you received this newsletter by mail, the mailing label will have the date when you last paid dues.)

City Manager P. Lamont Ewell

City Manager P. Lamont Ewell was appointed by the City Council following a nationwide recruitment effort that attracted more than 60 candidates. Before coming to Santa Monica in January 2006, Mr. Ewell was City Manager of San Diego. He began his career as a firefighter in Compton, promoting through the ranks there and in Prince George's County, Maryland, to become Fire Chief of Oakland, California, in 1991—just 13 days before the devastating Oakland Hills fire. He distinguished himself in managing that fire disaster and rebuilding the area

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Chief of Police Timothy J. Jackman

The Santa Monica Police Department welcomed Timothy J. Jackman as the new Chief of Police in December 2006. A 23-year veteran of the Long Beach Police Department and Deputy Chief for the past four years, Chief Jackman was chosen by City Manager P. Lamont Ewell after a two-month, nationwide search.

With extensive experience in both field operations and administration, Chief Jackman has covered the spectrum of public safety posts from community relations to internal affairs, information technology to terrorism prevention. He

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Fire Chief Jim Hone

Prior to joining the Santa Monica Fire Department in 1980, Jim Hone served six years in the United States Air Force and, while attending night school, attained an Associate Degree in Fire Science from the Community College of the Air Force, and a Bachelor Degree in Business Management from Wayland Baptist College. Jim has served our community as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire Captain, Support Services Division Chief and Fire Marshal before becoming Fire Chief in 2003.

He has been involved in disaster response, recovery and training for more than 25 years and has served on several

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and was later named Assistant City Manager of Oakland.



In 1997, Mr. Ewell was named City Manager of the City of Durham, North Carolina, where he restructured government for improved service delivery to the public and helped jumpstart the Downtown renaissance currently underway. Recruited to San Diego in 2001, he was named Assistant City Manager, responsible for day-to-day operation of all city departments in a city with approximately

11,000 employees and a budget of over \$2 billion. Mr. Ewell has a degree in business administration and a master's in general administration.

As Santa Monica City Manager, Mr. Ewell began a new city customer service initiative, "We Do the Right Thing Right." City departments and division are developing specialized training that targets their needs for excellent service delivery; revised performance evaluations will assess employee customer service skills; and departments and divisions will develop annual work plans that incorporate customer service performance measures.

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has a strong track record in youth services and youth violence prevention, successfully working with the Long Beach Unified School District to pilot new initiatives.

Chief Jackman is also familiar with public safety issues around homelessness as Long Beach has an estimated homeless population of 4,475 and faces challenges similar to Santa Monica. In 2004, he developed a program to train officers on alternatives to cope with homeless and mentally ill persons and worked closely with mental health professionals to train more than 100 officers.



Since coming to Santa Monica, Chief Jackman has been walking throughout the city and getting to know community members and residents, as well as attending community events and meetings. The Santa Monica Police Department has 468 employees and a budget of nearly \$60 million.

A former Marine, Chief Jackman earned a BS in business and an MBA, and he has attended the FBI National Academy and the Harvard course for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

Virginia Avenue Park Update

BY GAIL MYERS

The Virginia Avenue Park is in full swing since its completed renovation last year. The Park Advisory Board met this March and established new goals for the park: to create more family-focused programs and enhance the safety of the park.

Betty Macias, who directs programs at the park, has been busy developing new programs and events for the Park. The most recent success has been the implementation of the Night Bridges program for at-risk youth. This program has life skills classes in the evening, with some of the courses allowing the youth to obtain credits that will transfer to SMC. Other park programs for youth include after school tutoring, creative arts workshops, and athletic classes such as kick boxing. There are programs for all ages from the youngest to seniors. One of the most valuable of these, the Infant and Family Support Program offered through Santa Monica-Malibu School District, recently lost its funding from St. John's Hospital and is at risk for disappearing from the services provided to our community. The Park Board is asking the Parks and Recreations Commission to appeal to the City Council, St. John's and other potential funding sources to find the necessary resources to keep this important early intervention program from being cut.

The Park has also just celebrated two great successes with community-based events. The first, the Unity Resource Fair held April 17, welcomed service providers from the community to give out information on available services for our children and families. Despite gloomy weather, the Fair brought many families to the park. The day finished successfully with a community dialogue sponsored by the Human Relations Council. This event was so successful that the Park is planning on making this an annual event.

On May 6, another exciting event was held at the Park, a Cinco de Mayo Festival and Vintage Car Show. This brought hundreds of people to the park to look at wonderful old refurbished cars and listen to music from various regions of Mexico. A good time was had by all.

Both of these events were indicative of the Park's continuing commitment: bringing the families and friends of the community together to celebrate and get to know each other while establishing the Park as a fun, educational and safe place.

Still to come, the 15th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 16th, 11 AM TO 6 PM.

Santa Monica Airport Update

**FOSP Board
Supports AB 700**

AB 700, a bill that would require a year-long air quality study at Santa Monica Airport, paid for by the state, is wending its way through the California State Assembly.

The Board of Friends of Sunset Park voted in May to support AB 700 for the following reasons:

- Santa Monica Airport has residents living nearer to the ends of the runway than any other airport in the state...
- Jet activity at Santa Monica Airport has increased over 1500% since 1983 and 54% of jet aircraft utilizing the airport exceed the FAA's own safety guidelines...
- Preliminary findings from an array of recent studies have shows that jet emissions produce very high concentrations of ultrafine particles that infiltrate the community, and chronic exposure to such pollutants is associated with asthma and bronchitis, suppresses lung development in children, triggers infant death, hardens arteries, causes respiratory failure, and increases general risk of death...
- Resolution of the health and safety concerns of residents surrounding Santa Monica Airport is uniquely hampered by the diverse interests of the City of Santa Monica (airport proprietor), the City of Los Angeles (which borders the airport on two sides), and the Federal Aviation Administration...
- The recent South Coast air quality Management district study of Santa Monica Airport measured average levels of some aircraft pollutants near the airport. It cannot definitively link those pollutants to aircraft activity because it did not adequately measure aircraft activity...
- AB 700 will provide data on idle and taxi times (the chief source of airport-related pollution in the community due to incomplete burning of fuel) as well as aircraft type, that can be used in a cost-effective mathematical modeling study to determine health risk and scenarios for reducing pollution in the community...

The federal General Accounting Office reported the following in February 2003: *"We recommend that the FAA develop a strategic framework that examines the extent and impact of nitrogen oxides and other aviation-related emission; considers the inter-relationship among emissions and between emissions and noise; includes goals, time frames, and options for achieving emission reductions; and specifies the roles of other government agencies and the aviation industry in developing and implementing emission reduction programs. FAA, EPA, and NASA generally agreed with our finding and FAA agreed with our recommendation."*

That was four years ago. It's time to address emissions at Santa Monica Airport. Our City Council and local Assemblymember, Julia Brownley, have not yet taken a position on AB 700.

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local, state and federal disaster response teams and committees.

Jim has responded to six Federal Disasters to assist local governments and coordinate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) resources. The two most significant disasters include the 1995 Murrah Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma City, where he served as the Interior Operations Chief responsible for all rescue and recovery activities inside the building for the first ten days, and the World Trade Center in New York City on 9/11, 2001 where he served as the South/East Division Supervisor at the disaster site.



Jim has also served as Operations Section Chief in our Emergency Operations Center following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake and at the Santa Monica Farmer's Market tragedy in 2003 which involved 79 victims, including ten fatalities, and over 100 response personnel.

Santa Monica College

BY LORRAINE SANCHEZ

Santa Monica College continues to work on measures which hopefully will reduce traffic and parking problems for its students and Sunset Park residents.

Property purchased at Stewart and Exposition with Measure U bond funds will create surface parking for 200 to 250 vehicles by September, replacing the beach shuttle parking lot. Another 300 spaces will be available in the fall at the Madison Campus on Santa Monica Blvd. and 11th, site of the SMC Performing Arts Center and Music Academy (PACMA).

Other strategies include free student rides on Big Blue Bus lines 9, 11, and 13, eventual synchronization of Pico Blvd. traffic lights, and increased ride sharing.

The proposal to build parking space under Corsair Field has not progressed due to insufficient funding, however the college has planned to work intensively with the city and the neighbors regarding the impact of this project.

The Bundy Campus has continued authorization from the City of Santa Monica for egress onto Airport Ave. with right turn only. The college is planning to replace the site's two-story building and also build a new driveway exiting onto Bundy/Centinela at a new traffic signal to be installed by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

Dr. Chui Tsang, SMC President, has expressed the need for the college to be a good neighbor.

Meals on Wheels

By JEANNE LAURIE

The mission of Meals on Wheels West is to nourish and enrich the lives of individuals of all ages through services that promote independent living and dignity.

Do you know someone who needs help? No one should have to go hungry or be alone all of the time.

The service includes a hot lunch and a cold meal Monday through Friday. Frozen foods and liquid nutrition is available for seven days a week, 365 days a year, all for a cost that is less than preparing the meals yourself.

No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Depending on an individual's personal situation, the cost of the meals may be reduced or provided at no cost.

The program is open to everyone

regardless of age. The only requirement is that the person be homebound or have difficulty shopping or cooking for themselves. Frequently, the service is used by people recovering from a hospitalization. Although not actually disabled, the individual is unable to shop or cook for themselves. A few weeks or months of Meals on Wheels West services can contribute significantly to the recovery process and make life easier for a person who is convalescing.

A significant benefit of Meals on Wheels West is the daily contact that people receive. Sometimes the Meals on Wheels volunteer is the only person a homebound person sees the entire day. Volunteers not only deliver meals, they check to see if there has been a change in the condition of the client and report it to the proper

people or agencies.

In some cases, improper nutrition is why some people are in nursing homes or in the hospital. With home-delivered meals from Meals on Wheels West, a person can still maintain a sense of independence and stay at home. An entire year of Meals on Wheels service costs no more than one day in a hospital.

Careful attention is paid to the nutritional requirements of each client. Various diets are offered, ranging from diabetic, low fat or low cholesterol, vegetarian, low sodium, Vitamin K, Renal, Mechanical Soft, or pureed. The meals are balanced and provide 2/3 of the recommended daily nutritional requirements.

Please call (310) 394-5133 for information or to start the service.

More information is also available on the website: www.mealsonwheelswest.org.

From the Ocean Park Association...

July 4th Parade on Main Street

Calling all kids with bicycles, creative teams, neighbors, marching bands and civic-minded groups! Big or small, young or old, all are welcome to march in Santa Monica's first annual July 4th Parade on Main Street!

Decorate yourselves, build a float, dress up your bikes, wagons or go-carts, and celebrate Independence Day with a small town, community parade. Spectators welcome!

The parade begins Wednesday, July 4th, at 9:30 AM, in the Civic Auditorium parking lot, on Main St. just north of Pico Blvd., and

then follows Main St. to the southern city limits on Marine. It is being presented by the Ocean Park Association, in partnership with the North of Montana Association.

Registration is required for participation in the parade. Check-in will be from 8 AM to 9 AM in the Civic Auditorium parking lot. See www.opa-sm.org for registration forms and parade guidelines.

Volunteers are needed, so please sign up and join us in organizing this community event!

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Today's date _____

I will help with:

- Airport Committee
- Annual Meeting
- Crime/Safety/Graffiti
- Emergency Preparedness
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Mailings
- Planning and Development
- Santa Monica College
- Traffic, Parking, Pedestrian Safety
- Website/Internet

Membership Dues:

- \$30 Regular Household Dues
- \$50 or \$100 for Sponsor
- \$10 Minimum Household Dues
- Additional Donation

(Please check):

- New Renewal

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My greatest concerns are _____

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