



FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK

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FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 2, 2018

1:30 to 3:30 PM

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



*Guest Speakers, Refreshments, Music, Exhibits, and Door Prizes
Elect the 2018–2019 Board of Directors*



- 1) In order to vote, you will need to be an FOSP member by May 22, ten days before the election. A membership form is on the last page of the newsletter.
- 2) Current members can renew their memberships at the meeting.
- 3) ***If you received this newsletter by mail, the mailing label will have the date when you last paid dues. If you've paid dues since January 1, 2018, you do not need to pay again.***

Photos from the 2017 Annual Meeting



2017 Annual Meeting



Board Member Nikki Kolhoff



Roger Swanson,
"Emmalie" Award Winner



Traffic & Parking Manager
Henry Servin

Santa Monica Airport

NBAA – The National Business Aviation Association has stated its “key objectives” for Santa Monica from now until 2018:

- Legal Defense—Continue to challenge the city’s efforts to restrict access and to close SMO.
- Political Action—Change the makeup of the City Council and Airport Commission.
- Community Outreach—Schedule monthly public events at SMO and regular speaking engagements with neighborhood groups

Airport Interim Open Space – The 6-acre space next to Airport Park that was formerly used for aircraft tie-downs opened July 1st as an “interim open space” that can be used for recreation, pending construction of the 12-acre Airport Park Expansion. The space, which is paved and bordered with a row of trees, is open from sunrise to sunset for everything from walking to jogging, bike riding, wind surfing, hop scotch, kickball, family gatherings, civic festivals, bicycle rodeos, skateboarding, roller skating, and classes such as public safety training. Drones, model airplanes, and kites are not allowed.

NASA Astronaut Honored at Samohi

NASA Astronaut and Samohi alum Col. Randy Bresnik visited the Samohi campus on April 20, conducted three assemblies for students, was honored by local officials, and was inducted into the Samohi Hall of Fame. He graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1985, had a distinguished career in the Marines as a naval test pilot, and then became a NASA astronaut.

Bresnik has flown a shuttle mission, repaired the International Space Station (ISS) on six different space walks, and was the Commander of the International Space Station Mission 53, returning to earth on December 14, 2017 after spending 138 days in space. While aboard the ISS in October 2017, he answered questions from students at Samohi, JAMS, and Grant (the three SMMUSD schools he had attended) via a live downlink.

Sunset Park Traffic Study

Sunset Park is the largest of the Santa Monica neighborhoods. It contains over 76 residential street segments, is served by 5 major arterial corridors, and suffers from significant inflows of commuter traffic off the arterials onto these residential streets in both AM and PM commute periods. Sunset Park includes the SMC Main Campus and Airport Arts Campus, as well as the Santa Monica Business Park.

The design phase of the traffic management plan will last about 18 months and include several community meetings. City staff has already met with several groups of neighbors to hear first-hand about traffic complaints. The study will gather and evaluate data from most street segments, including volume, speed, crash history, and driver behavior during morning and evening rush hours. It will then provide both behavioral and diversionary solutions to mitigate commuter vehicle intrusion into neighborhood streets.

“47-Unit Apartment Complex Headed to Lincoln Blvd.”

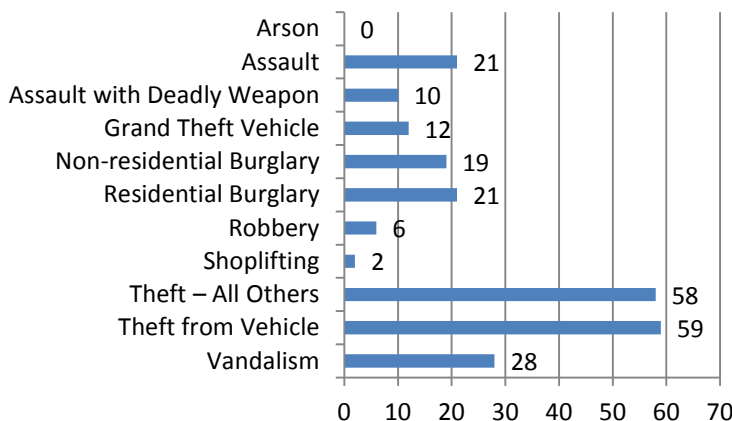
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<https://tinyurl.com/ycrwkan7>

The City Council unanimously voted to strike down a resident’s appeal to prevent a four-story apartment complex planned for the stretch of Lincoln Boulevard between Ashland Avenue and Wilson Place. The CIM Group project with 47 apartments will move forward despite two “reluctant yes” votes from Council members Sue Himmelrich and Tony Vazquez.

“During the two-hour discussion of the appeal, many frustrated neighbors described a difficult traffic situation on Ashland Avenue, where commuters cut through the narrow, steep residential street. To make matters worse, delivery trucks avoiding the congestion on Lincoln often block the avenue as well. One homeowner warned that a large complex with two levels of underground parking would ‘significantly increase the misery index for the neighborhood residents.’ ‘It’s a freakin’ mess,’ agreed Mayor Ted Winterer, who lives nearby....”

Sunset Park Crime Mapping: January 1 through April 30, 2018



Senior Exemption – Measure R

Senior citizens can be exempted from paying the SMMUSD Measure R parcel tax if they are 65 years old by June 30, 2018, own and occupy their property as their primary residence, and apply annually for the exemption.

Applicants may call (310) 450-8338, ext. 70263 to request an exemption application, or print the application from <https://tinyurl.com/yaf3e4j2>

Completed and signed applications must be returned **by June 30, 2018**, along with required proofs of age and property ownership, to:

Measure R Senior Exemption
SMMUSD
1651 16th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891

Interim Zoning Ordinance Extended

On March 27, the City Council voted to extend until November 2019 the R1 Interim Zoning Ordinance, which reduces the maximum allowable size of new single family homes.

- It limits maximum parcel coverage to 50%, with no more than 20% on the second floor.
- Accessory dwelling units (granny flats) are excluded from parcel coverage calculations.
- Upper level stepbacks are measured from the second floor.
- Second floor balconies and decks cannot total more than 400 sq ft.
- It maintains the maximum building height of homes in Sunset Park at 28 feet.

Community Policing

Neighborhood Resource Officer

Richard Verbeck – 424-200-0683
Richard.Verbeck@smgov.net

Crime Prevention Coordinator

Myesha Morrison – 424-200-0683
Myesha.Morrison@smgov.net

Hazardous View Obstructions

A hazardous view obstruction (HVO) is a wall, fence, or landscaping that blocks the view of a motorist. The city requires a 5'x5' HVO triangle where a driveway, garage, parking space, or loading zone intersects with the public right-of-way at the alley or sidewalk. Triangles are also required where an alley intersects a sidewalk, street, or another alley. Additional information is posted at <https://tinyurl.com/yc9t9eom>

For example, if your next door neighbor has a tall side yard hedge bordering your driveway that extends all the way to the sidewalk, that is a violation of the municipal code. You have the option of making contact with the responsible person, describing your perception of the problem, and discussing how the problem affects you, including possible solutions.

If that doesn't work, you can file a complaint with the Planning Department's Code Enforcement Division at <https://tinyurl.com/yaaf3e96>

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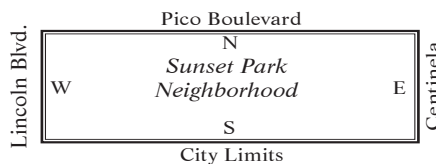
Demolitions—SMC held a Community Outreach Meeting on May 10th at the Santa Monica Swim Center Meeting Room to discuss the scheduled demolition of the YWCA buildings (2019-2023 14th Street) and the Foster's Freeze building (1530 Pico Blvd.). College staff presented information about plans for interim use and plans for long-term educational uses of the two sites.

Expanding Campus—SMC now owns all the properties on the south side of Pico between 14th and 16th Streets. It also seems to be purchasing 1819 Pico Blvd. and 2024 19th Street.

Shrinking Enrollment—Community college enrollments nationwide have declined by 16% between 2010 and 2015. During the same period, the unemployment rate went from 9.6% to 5.3%. The continued improvement of the economy results in more adults entering the workplace and fewer seeking training or retraining at community colleges. In addition, high school graduation rates peaked in 2010 and high school classes are shrinking. 33,420 students were enrolled at SMC in Fall 2017, down from 34,370 in Fall 2016.

Early Childhood Lab School—In April, the Board of Trustees approved a contract with The Nazerian Group in the amount of \$21.7 million to build the Early Childhood Lab School, a 24,000 sq ft facility at 4th Street and Civic Center Drive. It will serve up to 110 infants, toddlers, and preschool children. The City of Santa Monica is contributing \$6.6 million toward the construction costs.

The Sunset Park neighborhood is bounded by Lincoln Blvd. on the west, Pico Blvd. on the north, and the city limits on the east (Centinela) and south (Airport, Dewey, Ozone).



A list of all the City-recognized neighborhood organizations and a map of their boundaries are posted at www.smgov.net/content.aspx?id=4241

28% of LAX-bound Jets Flying Below 7,000 ft Altitude

The following is an excerpt from a letter City Manager Rick Cole wrote to Daniel K. Elwell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell:

We are receiving an increasing number of noise complaints attributed to the recently implemented Metroplex GPS procedures of the Santa Monica area. Residents are reporting an unbearable amount of noise since the implementation of the new procedures. We investigated these complaints by analyzing a data range of flights over CLIFY waypoint, which is located above the Santa Monica VOR. Our results indicate that 28% of the aircraft during the time data was collected did not adhere to the FAA's established minimum altitudes.

We understand that a few municipalities have officially voiced their concerns to the FAA regarding increased and shifted aircraft traffic over their communities following Metroplex implementation. We further understand that these complaints have included air traffic occurring at altitudes below FAA established minimums. We also understand that in two filed lawsuits regarding the Metroplex implementation, the FAA reached agreement with Newport Beach and is in litigation with Culver City.

We write to you to request: (1) strict enforcement of the FAA published minimum altitude standards, including in particular above the Santa Monica VOR, unless the deviation is needed for safety; (2) assurance that the City of Santa Monica will participate in any discussions regarding flight path and altitude issues that might affect the Santa Monica VOR; and (3) assurance that any settlement agreement with Culver City (our neighbor) will not adversely impact Santa Monica residents.

Cynthia Renaud Selected as The New Santa Monica Police Chief

City Manager Rick Cole has selected Cynthia Renaud as the new Santa Monica Police Chief. For the past seven years, Renaud served as Chief of Police for the City of Folsom, California, where she led the police force in both property and violent crime reduction. Prior to Folsom, she served in the Long Beach Police Department for 20 years.



The top goals set for the new chief are:

- Lower crime
- Positively impact homelessness
- Foster relationships and collaboration with both our residential community and our business community
- Empower and energize staff of the Police Department and work towards fostering succession planning at all levels
- Collaborate with other City departments to accomplish the overall mission of the City of Santa Monica.

Chief Renaud is the third Vice President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). She is also a member of the California Police Chiefs' Association and was appointed by then California Attorney General Kamala Harris to the CLETS (California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System) Advisory Committee.

She will oversee a department with 460 personnel and an annual operating budget of \$86.6 million.

2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

Please make check payable to "Friends of Sunset Park," and mail to:

FOSP, P.O. Box 5823, Santa Monica, CA 90409

What I like best about living in Sunset Park: _____

My greatest concerns are: _____

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