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Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update – August 25 Workshop

The first community workshop will be held on Saturday, August 25, from 9 AM to noon, at the Civic Center Auditorium, East Wing. Doors will open at 9 AM and the presentation will start promptly at 9:30 AM.

If you want to advocate for any of the following, this will be your opportunity to do so:

- development of a “Great Park” when Santa Monica Airport closes in 2029, i.e., what kind of park do you want to replace the airport?
- funding for the Airport Park Expansion Project – Latest design renderings are posted here: <https://www.rchstudios.com/projects/santa-monica-airport-park/>
- improvements at Clover Park, Marine Park and/or Ashland Park

At the workshop, staff will share what they heard from the community and present results from the online and pop-up surveys. The intent of this first workshop is to develop the community vision for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. A light breakfast will be served. Free parking validation will be available for the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot, and bike valet will also be provided.

For more information about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, visit <http://www.santamonicaparks.org/samo-parksmasterplan>

Santa Monica College

Full semester classes begin on Monday, August 27. The college plans to demolish the YWCA building at 2019 14th Street and use the property for parking for SMC buses and vans. It will also demolish the Foster Freeze building at 1530 Pico in order to install a trailer for its construction management company and provide parking for their staff.

Santa Monica Airport (SMO)

On August 14, the City Council adopted Minimum Standards for Commercial Operations at SMO. The Minimum Standards will, as an addendum to the City’s Leasing Policy, build on the existing commercial operations permit and leasing processes to (a) provide concise and reasonable threshold entry requirements for persons or entities wishing to provide commercial aeronautical services to the public at the Airport, (b) prevent irresponsible, unsafe or inadequate services, and (c) prevent unfair competition. The Minimum Standards will not apply to non-aviation tenants of the airport.

Legal Challenges Denied

In a judgment handed down on June 12, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rejected a challenge to an historic Consent Decree that allowed Santa Monica to shorten the runway at Santa Monica Airport (reducing jet traffic by over 80%) and gave the City the absolute right to close the airport at the end of 2028. “The ruling by the D.C. Circuit affirms yet again that our agreement with the FAA is sound,” said Mayor Ted Winterer. “One year in, we see the terms of the agreement in action are working. The runway shortening has significantly reduced jet traffic and we are steadily creating a plan to convert airport land into a great park that will benefit the entire community.”

On July 5, a Central District of California judge dismissed a challenge to the consent decree by Barry Rosen and denied further opportunity to amend the complaint.

Despite recent legal setbacks, the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) and local airport advocates, including the Santa Monica Airport Association, Bill’s Air Center, Kim Davidson Aviation, Redgate Partners, and Wonderful Citrus, are continuing their fight to prevent SMO from closing in 2029 by filing separate legal actions in the U.S. Court of Appeals and the D.C. District Court.

Electric Scooters

(CALIF. VEHICLE CODE)

- You can only ride if you have a valid driver’s license or instruction permit.
- Wearing a helmet is required for all ages.
- You must ride by yourself, and not with any passengers.
- You must ride on the road, never on the sidewalk.
- You may not park on the sidewalk in the way of pedestrian traffic.
- You must not ride at night unless the motorized scooter is equipped with proper lighting equipment, including a front light source which is visible from the front and sides, and reflectors.

Shared Mobility Selection Committee

Memo The Committee is recommending that the City’s Director of Planning and Community Development, select only the top-two operators, LYFT and Jump, for the pilot program beginning in September. The final decision will be based on the applications, the selection committee’s recommendations, and public comment. See: <https://tinyurl.com/yb7hnjux>

Land Use: Multi-Unit Use in R1

It appears that a company called Bungalow Living seems to be leasing homes in Sunset Park, adding bedrooms, and then renting individual bedrooms out like college dorm rooms. This is considered “multi-unit use,” which is not allowed in single family neighborhoods (R1 zones). If you are concerned about the use of a property, you can file a complaint with the city’s Code Enforcement office so they can investigate what’s occurring at the property. Complaints may be filed by:

- submitting a “GO” complaint with the specific address at <https://www.smgov.net/SantaMonicaWorks.aspx>
- by filling out a Code Enforcement complaint form at <https://tinyurl.com/yb-kjoyma>
- by sending an email to code.enforcement@smgov.net
- by dropping off a complaint at the Planning desk in City Hall

Telephone Scams

Tech Support: If someone claiming to be from Microsoft, Apple, or another tech company calls to ask if you've had computer problems, just say no and hang up. No one is "watching" your computer for signs of a virus.

"Can You Hear Me?": Pause before speaking if a caller starts by asking, "Can you hear me?" By getting you to answer "yes" to that one question at the very beginning of the call, scammers can record your affirmative answer. They can use that recording to claim you agreed to pay for some scam program. Rephrase your answer to, "I hear you just fine."

IRS Impersonators: Don't freak out if someone claiming to be from the IRS calls to collect money. Scammers sometimes use fear tactics and threaten to send the police if you don't pay up immediately. The only way the IRS will get in touch with you is through the mail, on official letterhead.

Bank Calls: If your bank calls and asks you to confirm if transactions are legitimate, feel free to give a yes or no, but don't give any more information than that.

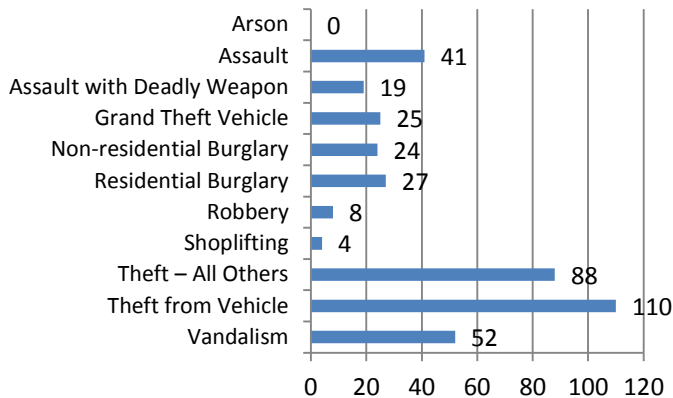
Grandparent Scam: Scammers sometimes target elderly people, pretending to be a grandchild. On a crackly line, they'll say they're in trouble—maybe they lost their wallet in a foreign country—and need you to send money. Unless you can confirm it's actually a relative, don't give any money.

Donation Collections: When charities, political parties, and lobbyists request donations over the phone, some will be legitimate, some will not be. Tell the caller, "Send me something in the mail. I want to read about it."

Jury Eligibility: Some scammers claim they're from the jury commission. If they ask for your Social Security number to confirm if you're eligible for jury duty, don't give away any information.

Crime Update: Sunset Park, January 1 to July 31, 2018

FROM CRIME MAPPING.COM



How to file a Police Report:

<https://www.santamonicapd.org/Content.aspx?id=12913>

How to file a complaint:

<https://www.santamonicapd.org/pdform.aspx?ekfrm=6610>

Movies at the Fairview Library

August 29 at 6:30 PM – "Land of Mine" (2015) – At the close of WWII, a group of young German POWs is captured by the Danish Army and forced to clear 2 million land mines from the Danish coast.

September 17 at 3 PM – "Funny Girl" (1968) – Barbra Streisand stars as vaudeville-era musical comedy star Fanny Brice.

September 20 at 6:30 PM – "Battle of the Sexes" (2017) – Emma Stone and Steve Carrell star in this retelling of the tennis match in 1972 between women's tennis pro Billie Jean King and showboating men's tennis player Bobby Riggs.

FOSP Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting was held on June 2 at Mt. Olive Church. Chris Dawson provided music during registration, and Alex Novakovich catered the lunch, which included broasted chicken and pizza generously donated by Gary Wallack of Bud's Deli and Ocean Park Pizza.

The guest speakers were Bob Posek from the NOMA Land Use Committee, Peter Donald, Chair of the Santa Monica Airport Commission, and Police Chief Cynthia Renaud.

FOSP Airport Committee Chair Cathy Larson presented the annual "Emmalie" award to former Airport Commissioner Suzanne Paulson and to current Airport Commissioner Joe Schmitz.

Board of Directors: The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for 2017–18: Peter Donald, Charles R. Donaldson, Vivien Flitton, Ofer Grossman, Zina Josephs, Nikki Kolhoff, Cathy Larson, and Clare Thomas. The meeting ended with the ever popular door prize drawing.

Annual Meeting Door Prize Donors

Thank you to these businesses and individuals for generously donating door prizes for the 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting:

- Artful Handcrafted Gifts – 1726 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Baskin Robbins – 2614 Pico Blvd.
- bG Gallery – 3009 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Bubble Boba – 2829 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Charles R. Donaldson
- Classic Pizza – 2624 Pico Blvd.
- Computer Business Center – 2227 Pico Blvd.
- Edelweiss Flower Boutique – 1722 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Evet's Model Shops – 1636 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Gilbert's El Indio Restaurant – 2526 Pico Blvd.
- Goods – 1748 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Lares Restaurant – 2909 Pico Blvd.
- Laura's Nails – 3026 Pico Blvd.
- Lunetta All Day – 2420 Pico Blvd.
- Maya Shoe Repair – 1708 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Mia La Maven Luxury Aesthetics – 2901 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Miyako Japanese Restaurant – 2829 Ocean Park Blvd.
- MK Cleaners – 3007 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Paws & Effect Pet Spa – 3030 Pico Blvd.
- Rocco's Cheesecake – 1701 Pico Blvd.
- Santa Monica Lock & Safe Co. – 2208 Pico Blvd.
- Santa Monica Yoga – 1640 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Shaka Shack Burgers – 1701 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Superfast Copying & Binding Systems – 2358 Pico Blvd.
- Tel's Barber Shop – 2210 Pico Blvd.
- Trader Joe's – 3212 Pico Blvd.
- Treats Frozen Yogurt – 1700 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Uplifters Kitchen – 2819 Ocean Park Blvd.

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).

