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Sustainable Santa Monica Newsletter

June 2015



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UPGRADE & SAVE
SoCal WaterSmart qualifying high-efficiency clothes washers can save loads!
REBATES UP TO \$300!
sustainablesm.org/rebate

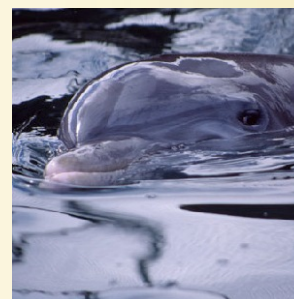


Doggy Dishwasher

There are easier ways to save water
SMgov.net/water



Drought Response Updates
Get the latest info on the drought and what our city is doing about it.
[Click here](#)



Bay Dolphin Health

Lesions/tumors show up on our local dolphins

Sanden Totten of KPCC reported that researchers from the Ocean Conservation Society have documented skin lesions among localo dolphin populations - evidence of environmental stress.

[Click here for full story](#)

Free California-Friendly Landscape Training

Register now!

Topics include:

- General tips about sustainable landscaping
- Managing your irrigation during the drought
- How to use rainwater as a resource
- Evaluating and designing your site
- Resources to start your new sustainable landscape project



Register:

Email: savewater@smgov.net

Phone: 310-458-8972

Ken Edwards Center

Saturday, June 6 | 11AM-2PM | Free | 1527 4th Street

Beach Cleanup

Surfrider Foundation
West Los Angeles Chapter



Join fellow beach lovers for a morning of service. Surfrider provides sunscreen, reusable gloves, cleanup bags and drinking water; bring a reusable water bottle.

Register:

Email: sratcovich@wlam.surfrider.org

Saturday, June 6 | 10AM-12PM | Free | 200 SM Pier

Santa Monica Library Programs for Youth

3, 2, 1, Launch Tube!

Build mini vehicles from recycled materials and launch them!

Presented by the reDiscover Center and supported by the City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment. Ocean Park Branch; ages 4 & up

Tuesday, June 16 | 2:30-4:30pm | Free | 2601 Main Street



Family Summer Gardening

Bring a tea cup or any other container to plant some succulents with Master Gardener Emi.

Pico Branch; ages 7 & up



The Albright Goes Green

Pier Eatery Takes the Leap

The Albright, an active advocate of the Santa Monica Pier's greening efforts, is the first business located on the Santa Monica Pier to achieve Green Business Certification.

Formerly SM Pier Seafood, The Albright is a family owned Pier restaurant since 1975. The family's daughter, Yunnice Kim Morena, recently re-invented the restaurant with a modern and sustainable flair. They serve daily caught fish as well as locally-sourced and organic ingredients from the Santa Monica Farmers Market. Over 75% of the fish they serve is listed on the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Guide Good choices list.

The Albright performed retrofits on all hand sinks to reduce water flow to 0.5 gallons per minute, and is providing staff education and training on sustainable practices. The Albright also completed a substantial lighting retrofit and switched to Green Seal and EPA Design for the Environment /Safer Choice approved cleaners to achieve the green certification.

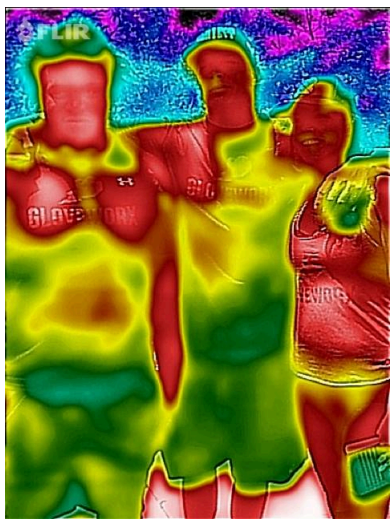
Tuesday, June 23 | 3:00-4:00pm | Free | 2201 Pico Blvd.



Landscape Rebates

Popular landscape rebate program helps you replace your lawn and save water.

- "Cash for Grass" incentive increased to \$3.50 per sq. ft. turf removed
- Maximum rebate increased to \$4,500.
- New irrigation rules
- Professional design consultations available for a small fee.
- For more details and to get started, click [here](#).



Show everyone how hot you are!

Energy auditors may use thermography -- or infrared scanning -- to detect thermal defects and air leakage in building envelopes. You can save 5%-30% on your energy bill by making upgrades following a home energy assessment.

If you're interested in learning more about saving energy and money in your

home, visit [Home Upgrade](#).

Looking for no-money down financing for water- and energy-saving projects? Visit [HERO](#) for to learn more.

Thinking about going solar? Visit [Solar Santa Monica](#)

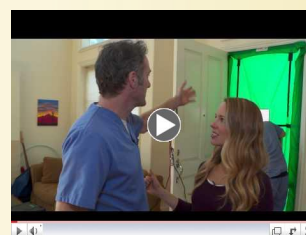
Is your favorite business certified green? Click [here](#) to find out!



1450 Ocean Fun Classes for June

Start your summer off with loads of fun classes, including a workshop in homemade cookout condiments and hot sauces, crafting paper embedded with California native seeds, exploring lenticular images, making toy theaters and lots more. It's not too late to register for this Saturday's grownup Sun Prints class too!

[Click here for details.](#)



Looking to save more energy?

Join your neighbors and discover how Home Upgrade can help you save energy and reduce your carbon footprint. With rebates and

Santa Monica College Gain the tools to land your dream job



Fall enrollment for Certificate Programs in the Sustainable Technology Program (STP) at Santa Monica College has begun.

Get your certificate in Recycling, Solar PV Installation, or Energy Efficiency in just one semester.

The STP is a unique opportunity for job-seekers and transfer students that want to focus on environmental issues or advance in their careers as it provides high quality, industry-driven training.

For more information visit smc.edu/stp or email: sustainabletechnologies@smc.edu

incentives up to \$3,000 are available for your qualifying energy efficiency upgrade.

More information [here](#).



Bike Education Classes

Learn how to ride, repair and love your bike!

[Click here for details.](#)



Green Living Workshops

sustainableworks.org

Join a [FREE Green Living Workshop](#). Learn ways to save money, positively impact your family, community, and the planet! The workshops are ongoing, attend one meeting or all six, whichever fits your schedule. This workshop a partnership of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Sustainable Works.

GreenBusiness NETWORKING

On the second Tuesday of every month, you are invited to the only pure networking event for owners and decision-makers of LA's green economy.

[Click here for details.](#)

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