

Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

- Chamber Pak Flyers Due, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce 425 15th Street. Call the Chamber 310-545-5313 for more information visit www.manhattanbeachchamber.net

- Senior Citizens Committee. The Manhattan Beach Senior Citizens Resource Committee will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at the Manhattan Heights Community Center, 1560 Manhattan Beach Blvd., All are welcome. Info 310-372-9505.

- Food & Blood-Drive "September 11 Day of Remembrance and Service Activities." Food-drive: September 1 – 13, Manhattan Beach Fire Station 400 15th St. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Manhattan Beach Fire Station 1400 Manhattan Beach Blvd. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Blood-drive locations: September 11, 24-Hour Fitness 1500 Rosecrans Ave. 2p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information, www.senate.ca.gov/oropeza

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

- Sea Story Time at the Roundhouse Aquarium 11:30 a.m. each Sunday the Aquarium features a unique interactive experience for children that involves listening to a story about ocean animals, exploring real animal artifacts, and doing a craft that they can take home. Afterwards, they can enjoy all the wonderful displays the aquarium has to offer. This program is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. The Roundhouse Marine Studies Lab and Aquarium is located at the end of the Manhattan Beach pier. For more information call 310-379-8117 visit roundhouseaquarium.org

- MB Concerts in the Park series. This is a summer-long event held each year at Polliwig Park, on Sundays, the free concert is from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach). For more information please contact the Parks and Recreation Department (310) 802-5448.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

- Manhattan Beach Farmers Market offers fresh, locally grown, fruits, vegetables, flowers, artisan foods, etc. located on 13th Street between Morningside and Valley Drive. Farmers Market is sponsored by the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business Association 310-379-9901. The farmers market is open every Tuesday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM between Memorial Day and Labor Day and from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM the rest of the year.

UPCOMING

- Paintings exhibition. Director Richard Stevens is featuring a one-man show of paintings "The Dancer is the Answer" by

Wilfred Sarr, opening Saturday, September 12th 4 p.m. to 10+ p.m. Cannery Row Studios, 604 No. Francisca, Redondo Beach. 310-379-6313.

- Citizens Helping Neighbors and Our City. The Manhattan Beach Fire Department is looking for community volunteers to sign up for the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course. The training teaches skills that improve personal safety, taking care of your family and neighbors, and assisting the community in the event of a major emergency or a disaster. The topics include disaster preparedness, terrorism, disaster medical care, fire suppression and extinguisher use, light search and rescue, and the Incident Command System. The instructors are members of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department and CERT Association. Class dates are Saturdays (September 12, 19 and 26) from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The cost is \$50 for each participant, which includes a backpack with emergency supplies, a CERT hard hat/vest, a photo identification badge, manual, and graduation certificate. To sign up, go to the website at: www.mbcerta.org or email info@mbcerta.org.

ONGOING

- MOMS Club of Manhattan Beach. Moms Club MB invites local at-home mothers for friendship, fun playgroups, support and more! Contact Michelle emailto:momsclub90266@hotmail.com or 310-489-3927 for membership info and meeting dates/locations.

- Recovery International offers effective self help method, allowing personal control over anxiety, depression, anger. (Free, but donations accepted.) Meetings are Mondays, 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave. (at Prospect), Redondo Beach. Back Entrance. Call (310) 322-6373 for more information.

- Older Adults discussion group. Come discuss current events, movies, topics of local and national interest, whatever is on your mind. The discussion group meets every Monday from 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. For more information please call (310) 802-5447.

- Play Reading. Fun and adventure await you. Spontaneous and unrehearsed activity facilitated by KC Johnson and Maria A. Ruiz, two experienced artists in the South Bay. A short portion will be devoted to improvisation (new feature). Every 1st Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Joslyn Center, 1601 Valley Drive, MB. Free Event, Sponsored by Parks and Rec. All are welcome. Info: 310-325-3251 or 310- 540-5635. •

Police Reports

Compiled by Evan Ortega BAD FRIENDS MONDAY, JULY 27

An officer was dispatched to the Police department lobby on Tuesday 8/18 regarding a theft that occurred weeks earlier. The victim, a 21-year-old male, told the officer he drove his girlfriend, who he only knows as "Mariah," and another friend, Lee to the beach on Monday 7/27 near the pier in the afternoon. During a two-hour jaunt at the beach, the victim left his wallet and property in Lee's backpack. Before dropping Lee off, the victim asked for his wallet, which Lee tossed at him. The next day the victim noticed his ATM/Check/Credit card was missing from his wallet, and checked his account to find seven unauthorized transactions worth \$213.89 had occurred since they went to the beach the day before. Transactions occurred at a grocery store, a fast food establishment, three convenience stores and a Hawaiian BBQ chain restaurant. Reviewing video security tapes at several of the locations, the victim observed Mariah and Lee using his card at each location. The victim had his account shut down for fraud and will be filling out an affidavit of fraud with his bank. After being confronted by the victim, Lee said he only did so because the victim had several skateboards in his house, but promised to pay him back. Lee has not done so as of the police report and the victim said he went to Lee's father for money, with negative results. Mariah denied any involvement and made veiled threats to the victim if he persisted. The victim is reviewing further tapes to identify any other suspects recorded on video, thinking others might be involved.

STOLEN SURFBOARD SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

An officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Marine Avenue regarding a surfboard that was stolen the day before. The victim said she had two surfboards in her backyard standing upright in an unsecured surf rack on Saturday 8/15. One was a longboard and the other was a \$750 shortboard with an airbrush El Porto scene on the front, complete with two red and white smokestacks. The victim left her residence on Saturday 8/15 at 1 p.m., returning two hours later, when her friends put two more shortboards in the backyard. She noticed the board was missing on Sunday around 1 p.m. The victim recalled that in the hour and a half before she left her residence on Saturday, she noticed neighbors moving out of an apartment complex that has stairs with a clear view of her backyard. The officer observed her backyard is completely enclosed with a wooden fence with the only access being through the victim's apartment or over the fence.

STOLEN QUARTERS MONDAY, AUGUST 17

An officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1600 block of Mathew's Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary that just occurred. The victim told officers that around 9:30 that morning he drove to a bank in Gardena to pick up \$200 in quarters, returning with them in a paper bag about 45 minutes later. He left the currency in the bag on his passenger side floor. He returned less than five minutes later to find the windows was smashed and his coins were missing. The officer wrote in his report that nobody had permission to break the window or take the coins. A witness driving by said she saw a dull gold-colored four-door sedan parked awkwardly nearby as if it was about to turn north on Herrin Avenue. The witness said she also saw a male black suspect in his 20's, about 5'11 and 180 pounds, with dark hair and cornrolls, wearing a white hoodie and baggy shorts. The suspect was standing next to the passenger side of the car holding something with both hands below his hoodie. The suspect then ran to the gold sedan, fleeing north on Herrin Avenue. Police dusted the car door for fingerprints but none were obtained.

IDENTITY THEFT MONDAY, AUGUST 17

An officer responded to the Police department lobby regarding a forgery report. The victim said that sometime around Wednesday 8/5 she noticed her credit card statement listed a \$500 internet purchase to a big box store. She called her company, which then cancelled the card. On Friday 8/7 she received a letter from a department store stating an internet purchase was denied. On Sunday 8/16 he received a statement from a vacuum company stating somebody using her information opened an account and spent \$1,447 worth of merchandise online. She told police a cable shopping channel had also sent her a welcome letter, and a call-center operator advised her two laptop computers had been ordered were going to be shipped to a man with her last name. The victim said that whoever ordered the laptops spelled her last name wrong.

MULTIPLE VANDALISMS MONDAY, AUGUST 17

An officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of Sixth Place on Tuesday 8/18 where a victim reported two separate crimes, one in the beginning of the month and one just a few days before. On Saturday 8/1 the victim last saw her and her husband's car undisturbed, noticing in the morning hours of the next day that her windshield had a two-foot crack, causing \$300 in damage. The victim told police that three of her vehicles have been damaged in a similar manner this year and that her neighbors have filed similar vehicle-related vandalism and burglary reports. The victim also reported a screen covering a crawlspace entrance on the west side of her residence had an eight-inch slash that she noticed on Monday 8/17. She said she last saw the screen intact three days earlier on Saturday. The officer spoke to a neighbor who reported hearing several teenagers speaking outside the residence three days before. The neighbor reported that no teenagers live in the immediate area.

STOLEN BIKE TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

An officer responded to the Police department lobby to take a report regarding from a man who said his bicycle was stolen over the weekend. The victim said that on Saturday 8/15, he locked his \$1,650 Cannondale bike with a \$15 cable lock at 6:30 p.m. to a steel fence on the north side of the upper south pier parking lot. After visiting with friends in the downtown area, he returned around 9:30 p.m. to find his bicycle missing.

STOLEN SUNGLASSES TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

A man parked his Nissan Maxima in front of his house in the 1300 block of 19th Street at 8 p.m. Monday night, leaving his doors unlocked. At about 9 a.m. the next morning he entered his vehicle, noticing two pairs of sunglasses were missing from the center sunvisor. One pair was worth \$30 and a pair of Oakley sunglasses was worth \$120. Police determined the burglary did not occur because the vehicle was left unlocked.

STOLEN SURFBOARD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

In the afternoon hours of Friday, August 14, a man put his surfboard in his carport in the 3400 block of Valley Drive before closing and locking the chain link fence surrounding it. He then entered his residence for the evening and didn't notice his \$500 board and \$100 bag missing until when he went to retrieve them around 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19. The man thinks whoever took the surfboard must have jumped the chain link fence since the lock was secure.

STOLEN BIKES FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

A man and his girlfriend left their residence in the 200 block of Third Street to go to

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