

Calendar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

- The California Federated Woman's Club Marina District of which Manhattan Woman's Club is a member is hosting a fundraiser, "4 Knights of Comedy", featuring four well known comedians who will provide an evening of fun and laughter at Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under ten years of age. For more information and tickets call Gina at 310-379-8315.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009

- The South Bay Chapter of the California Republican Assembly will, meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave. (Mariposa and Main Street) 310-406-5429

- Need some help becoming a better public speaker come to the Narrators Toastmasters Open House at 6:30 p.m. Coco's Bakery Restaurant 2620 N Sepulveda Blvd # A, Manhattan Village Mall. For more information visit web site <http://narrators.freetoasthost.net>
- League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities invites you to learn about Climate and our Oceans Featuring the 20 minutes film: "The Global Challenge of Ocean Acidification" followed by a discussion of local ocean issues led by Dr. Jane Lee from USC. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Manhattan Public Library, 1320 Highland Ave. For more information e-mail to: murphyperkins@gmail.com or visit www.beachvoter.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

- Manhattan Beach Farmers Market offers fresh, locally grown, fruits, vegetables, flowers, artisan foods, etc. On 13th Street between Morningside and Valley Drive 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business Association 310-379-9901.
- City of Manhattan Beach's Older Adults Program is hosting several free educational programs at Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. On Tuesday, November 17, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm "Changes in Medicare for 2010" Presented by the Center for Health Care Rights. On Thursday, November 19, 10:00 am - 11:30 am "Getting a Good Night's Sleep" Presented by the Medicine Education Program of Behavioral Health Services, Inc. For more information please call the Older Adults Program 310-802-5447.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

- Movie at Joslyn Center "Young Mr. Lincoln" A 1939 fictionalized film that follows the early career of the future president, tracing his budding political consciousness. The drama focuses on his defense of two brothers unjustly accused of a crime. A Best Screen Play Oscar nomination and Henry Fonda make this worth an afternoon. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. and followed by discussion. Joslyn Center, 1601 Valley Dr., MB. Free event, all are welcome. 310-372-9505.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009

- Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council luncheon, 12:00 p.m. (registration 11:30 a.m.) at Verandas, 401 Rosecrans Avenue, MB. The cost is \$27 for members and \$35 for non-members. RSVP required by November 16th (for reservations, please email to: reservations@mbCoordinatingCouncil.com or <mailto:honeybear37@earthlink.net>. James Berenson, M.D. (President/CEO of the Institute for Myeloma & Bone Cancer Research) will be the featured speaker. The mission of the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council is to encourage coordination of events and communication among city agencies, organizations and individuals interested in making our community a better place to live. The Coordinating Council also recognizes Manhattan Beach Students of the Month and awards scholarships to outstanding Mira Costa High School seniors. For membership information and an application, please email to Info@mbCoordinatingCouncil.com.

UPCOMING

- Holiday Open House at Plaza El Segundo inspires Holiday Cheer. Special night on November 20th supports South Bay Charities. A motivating combination of raising money for local South Bay charities and kicking off holiday shopping with friends and family. Live holiday entertainment, free holiday hayrides, raffle prizes and a Tree Lighting ceremony with Santa Claus, and exclusive sales and discounts at the stores. VIP tickets for \$10 each are available with 100% of the ticket sale proceeds going directly to participating charities including *The Wellness Community, Walk with Sally, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Tree Musketeers, South Bay Police and Fire Memorial Foundation* and many more. Friday, November 20, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Tree Lighting with Santa is at 7:00pm. Plaza El Segundo located on Sepulveda Blvd. just north of Rosecrans Ave. Call in advance to purchase VIP \$10 tickets: 310-647-3431, or purchase at the event.

ONGOING

- MOMS Club of Manhattan Beach. Meet local at-home mothers for friendship, fun playgroups, support and more! For membership info and meeting dates/locations call Michelle at (310) 489-3927 or momsclub90266@hotmail.com
- A beginner class in Scottish Country Dancing is starting in Manhattan Beach on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The class meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall 224 1/2 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach. The first two lessons are free. For further information contact Willma 310-546-2005.
- 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

- 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 Center for Spiritual Living, 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 The Older Adults Program (310) 802-5447.
- Caregivers Support Group. A support group has been formed in Manhattan Beach for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia or memory loss.

The group will have the opportunity to share their experiences, provide information, and do problem solving of similar situations. Caregivers are welcome and participation is free. To participate, call Madonna Newburg at 310-546-1876 for information and location.

- 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, offers each participant a role in scenes chosen for you - or you may bring your own short scenes to read. 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. •

Community Briefs

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF DOG RUN IN POLLIWOG PARK

Provided by Jane Grace

The Manhattan Beach City Council will be discussing the proposed installation of an off-leash dog run in Polliwog Park at their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Ave.

The meeting is open to the public and interested individuals are encouraged to attend to discuss these ideas. A map showing the proposed location of the run is available on the City of Manhattan Beach website, www.citymb.info in Parks and Recreation News. For those who are unable to attend, they may send written comments to Idris J. Al-Oboudi, Recreation Services Manager, at 1400 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA

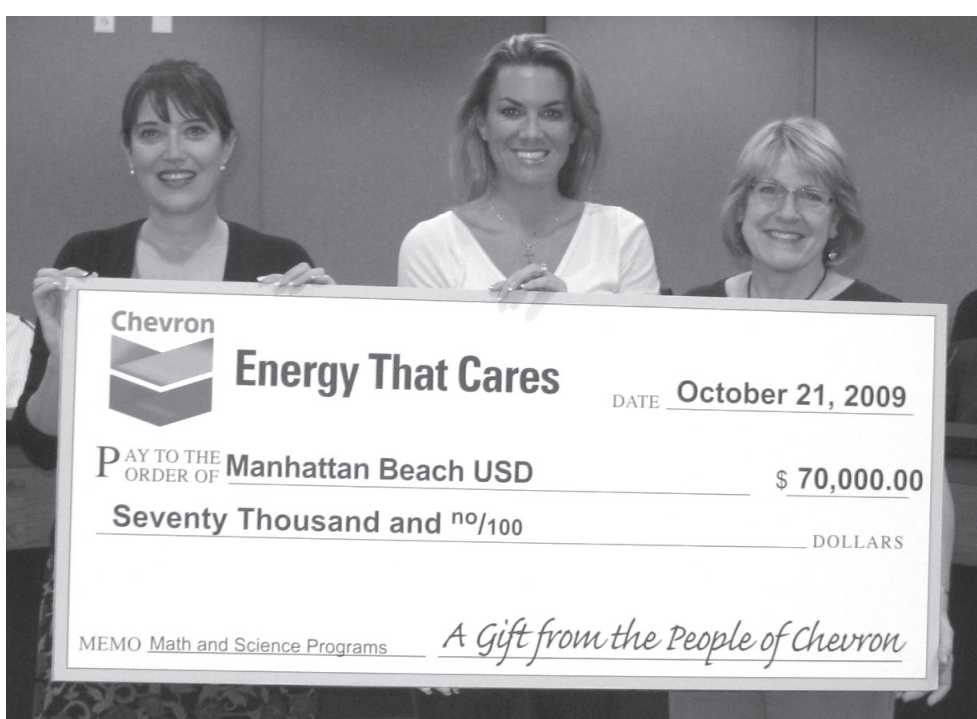
90266 or via e-mail at ialoboudi@citymb.info. **SAND DUNE PARK OPERATIONS**

The Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive to discuss Sand Dune Park Operations. The Commission will be discussing all matters related to the operation of the sand dune.

The meeting is open to the public and interested individuals are encouraged to attend to discuss these ideas.

For those who are unable to attend, they may send written comments to Richard Gill, Parks & Recreation Director or Idris J. Al-Oboudi, Recreation Services Manager at 1400 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 or via e-mail at rgill@citymb.info or ialoboudi@citymb.info.

Business Briefs



(L to R): Carolyn Seaton, Executive Director, Educational Services, Manhattan Beach Unified School District; Jill Brunkhardt, Public Affairs Representative, Chevron; and Nancy Hersman, President, School Board of Trustees, Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

CHEVRON DONATES \$70,000 TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Provided by Jill Brunkhardt

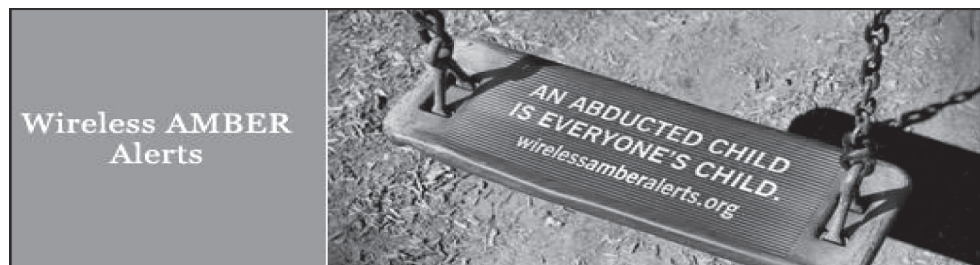
Chevron Products Company, a dedicated supporter of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD), recently presented MBUSD with a gift of \$70,000.

"In these difficult times, we are more fortunate than ever to have corporate partners like Chevron to support the enhancement of science and math programs that directly impact students," said MBUSD Superintendent Bev Rohrer. "With greatly reduced federal and state funding, we wouldn't be able to make these improvements in instruction and curriculum delivery without this generous donation from Chevron."

"Chevron's donation will help MBUSD enhance K-12 science and mathematics programs through the purchase of laboratory equipment and consumable lab materials, a wireless laptop computer station for scientific data collection, and

other interactive learning aids designed to engage students and improve teaching techniques," said Carolyn Seaton, MBUSD Executive Director of Education Services. "It is our hope these enhancements in the district's science and math curriculum will be a turning point in inspiring students to pursue future careers in these fields."

"To date this year, Chevron has directly donated more than \$200,000 to K-12 education programs, with an emphasis on math and science curriculum, to South Bay schools," said Rod Spackman, Chevron El Segundo Refinery Manager of Policy, Government and Public Affairs. "Now more than ever, it is extremely important we help the schools meet their educational goals in what is clearly a very challenging fiscal environment. Continued support of classroom education is a key priority for Chevron and we regularly support various initiatives in the communities where we do business." •



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