

## Purrrfect

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Maddy and Emma are very attached to each other need to be adopted together.

**AJ**, short for Artemis Jr., is a lover who enjoys cuddling and people's company. AJ is also good with children! He will follow you around the house and waits for you to sit down so he can get his chin rubbed. AJ is a chill cat and loves to play with string, straws, bags and anything else that will make noise. He makes an endearing little moan when he's upset. His best friend is Pico.

She is a quiet cat who doesn't demand very much. This sweet Maine Coon/Angora mix is curious about most objects. She likes to play with her brothers and sisters at her foster home. Most of all, Pico and AJ love playing together as they run in and out of their cat condo.

They are so bonded that they really need to be adopted together. They are good with other cats and have been around dogs, so they could probably get used to a friendly one.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat

rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations.

For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org). You can also email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org) to find out more about this week's featured pets and to contact us about adoption.

We have several weekly adoption events in the Westside. On Saturday/Sunday, we are at a venue located in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard.

On Saturday only, we are in West Los Angeles at 11055 West Pico Boulevard at Sepulveda.

On Sunday, we are in Santa Monica at 2910 Wilshire Boulevard at Yale Street. Adoption hours at these venues are from noon to 3:30 p.m. We also have our fourth Saturday of the month venue in Manhattan Beach located at 1816 North Sepulveda Boulevard, with adoption hours from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Bicycle Master Plan

### Residents Urge Cities to Apply for Federal Stimulus Grant for South Bay

The South Bay offers an ideal climate for year-round bicycle use. However, most cities have not explicitly planned the type of safe bicycle routes that drivers and cyclists would prefer. As a result, from 2004 to 2008, in the city of Manhattan Beach alone there were 4 deaths and 66 injuries where riders were hit by cars, according to the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

Currently, cyclists and motorists share the roads without guidance, as there is very little bicycle infrastructure. To discuss this problem, and others concerning bicycle safety, some 40 bike enthusiasts attended the first meeting of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition on November 17th.

During this meeting, the SBBC determined that there is an "immediate opportunity to improve the situation," said Todd Dipaola, the founder of SBBC.

"We have a brief window to fund a network of safe bike routes in the South Bay by asking that local cities and schools sign on to a grant application for federal stimulus money. This will enable a dialogue with cities and residents on safe routes as well as professional planners to develop a bicycle master plan, and the funds to build it."

The federal stimulus money, which would be used to finance the project, has an application deadline of December 21, 2009.

Therefore, to make this happen, the cities need to act quickly if they want their residents to benefit. The SBBC is asking local cities and schools to add their name to

the region's grant application already being drafted. If successful, each city will receive free of charge an expert comprehensive study for the region and a recommend city-specific implementation plan with funding. Each city's implementation of the regional bicycle master plan would at the discretion of each City Council after completion and would be financed by the grant.

"Many cities and school districts have expressed an interest in receiving the benefit of a master plan, including improved public safety, environmental benefits, healthier lifestyles, and as an option for commuting to school and work," said Dipaola.

The SBBC plans to continue their meetings so more residents can become involved and to encourage the master plan to be created. "The coalition started out as just a few friends and has now grown to over 70 people in one month," said Todd Dipaola.

"Cyclists and drivers are aware of the current realities, have seen other areas take action, and want to see our region's government effectuate change."

The purpose of the SBBC, whose members include parents, businesses like REI and Old Venice, and residents from cities in the South Bay, is to create and implement a bicycle master plan.

"By thinking about the region as a whole we can make the roads safer for families, school children, recreational cyclists, commuters and drivers," said Dipaola.

For more information about the SBBC and its request for federal grant money, please contact Todd Dipaola at [tdipaola@alum.berkeley.edu](mailto:tdipaola@alum.berkeley.edu)

## Calendar

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2009

• 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., and Manhattan Beach. All are welcome. Info 310-372-9505

### UPCOMING

• Hermosa Kiwanis Club Tree Lot. The lot opens Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at the corner of Pier Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Lot go directly to charity. For more information call 310-466-0960

• Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 and 10, 2009, 4:00-5:30PM. Volunteer training at the Roundhouse Aquarium. Potential volunteers will receive training related to the animals in the aquarium and the duties and responsibilities of volunteers. Please contact Lauren Holman at 310-379-8117 or visit [www.roundhouseaquarium.org](http://www.roundhouseaquarium.org).

• 350 Candlelight Vigil. Please join the South Bay 350 Climate Action Group on Friday, December 11, 2009 in Hermosa Beach, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The event will be located at the intersection of Valley Drive and Pier Ave., and parking is available at the Public Library or across the street from Cypress Park. Please bring a candle and join in this movement to send the world a message about climate change. To RSVP for this event please visit the 350.org event website <http://www.350.org/node/13000>

• Vista Mar School Open House on December 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Reservations requested. At VistaMar, students build a solid foundation of academic skills. 373 Hawaii Street, El Segundo. Visit [vistamarschool.org](http://vistamarschool.org) or call 310-643-7377 for more information.

### 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](mailto: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](http://roundhouseaquarium.org)

• Recovery International offers effective self-help method, allowing personal control over anxiety, depression, and 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, and 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 activity facilitated by KC Johnson and Maria A. Ruiz, two experienced artists in the South Bay, Every 1st Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Joslyn Center, 1601 Valley Drive, MB. Free Event, Sponsored by Parks and Recreation. All are welcome. For more detailed information call: 310-325-3251 or 310-540-5635.

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