

# Calendar

## FRIDAY JULY 31, 2009

• International Surf Festival-Volunteers needed. County Lifeguard Championship Event at the Manhattan Beach Pier. If anyone would like to volunteer to help judge the events please call the Manhattan Beach Chamber office 310-545-5313 or visit surf-festival.org Event is Friday 31, and Saturday 1, 7:00 PM both days.

## UPCOMING

• Free Movie on the Beach. Movies on the Beach - Manhattan Beach on Saturday, August 8 at 7:00pm. Host: Civic Couch. Where: North Side of Manhattan Beach Pier.

• South Bay Force and Hollywood United are holding a charity fundraiser and are proud to host a Celebrity Soccer Match at 7:30 pm at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach on August 15. Details contact Missy, mjuarez@southbayforce.net

• 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 at (310) 489-3927 or mailto:momsclub90266@hotmail.com for membership info and meeting dates/locations.

• Renewal Through Art Class. Renewal Through Art for Seniors is an art class for adults 55 and older. A ten-week session will be offered on Thursdays at the Joslyn Center from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm beginning May 29. A variety of media will be used and techniques demonstrated with the overriding object the student's experience, not the art product. The class is free and students

provide their own materials. Pre registration is required. Call the Older Adults Program at (310) 802-5447.

• ARTS Manhattan Photographic Exhibition. ARTS Manhattan in Partnership with the City of Manhattan Beach Presents Frozen & Fluid. Frozen & Fluid focuses on three of seven photographic projects by Gil Gascetti; the abstract beauty of the Walt Disney Concert Hall; the soaring spirit and beauty of the Cuban dance; the head-turning sight of women, wonderfully attired in Parisian fashion as they ride their bicycles in Paris. The Exhibition is now open and remains on view until August 6, 2009. Manhattan Beach Arts Center 1560 Manhattan Beach Boulevard 310-802-5440

• 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 Scrabble. This event is sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Parks and Rec and facilitated by the Manhattan Beach Senior Citizens Resource Committee. 1-3-1-1-2-3-1-1 (Scrabble). Play Scrabble every 1st and 3rd Thursday at Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. A free event, experience not required and all are welcome (4-1-1-3-1-3-1). 1:30 - 4 p.m. Info 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, 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.

• Poetry Reading Circle Recent/longtime, amateur and wannabe poets are welcome to read their own o favorite poems every 2nd and 4th 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 802-5447.

• Petanque, French game of Boules at Live Oak Field, Manhattan Beach. Play Petanque (played by 17 million people in France), an outdoor social game for every level of fitness; no experience required. Sponsored by Parks and Rec. All are welcome every 2nd and 4th Thursday 1-3 p.m adjacent to Joslyn Center. Info 310-802-5447. •

# Letters To The Editor

## APPRECIATIVE

Many thanks to Robert Ahue, owner of Silver Scissors Salon in Manhattan Beach as well as his staff for hosting Family Fun Festival for South Bay Family Health Care (formerly South Bay Free Clinic) on Sunday, July 19, 2009. The event sponsored by Silver Scissors and local businesses was held to raise funds to support pediatric services provided by SBFHC's Healthy Kids Express a mobile health van.

We truly appreciate all the efforts of everyone that contributed and joined us at this worthwhile event.

Thank you,

Jann Hamilton Lee  
President, CEO. SBFHC

## DISAGREES WITH THE PENGUIN

It is bad manners to speak ill of the dead. On the other hand, it is an insult to the intelligence of your readers to pretend that Walter Cronkite was the "voice of God" and "universally credible", as the Political Penguin writes on his last column.

The terrible truth is that Walter Cronkite symbolized liberal media bias and used that bias with disastrous consequences for our

nation and the world. It seems that Duane Plank and your periodical are part of that bias. Cronkite's latest cause was world government and the destruction of American sovereignty.

Cronkite's misreporting helped create the conditions for a premature U.S. military withdrawal, leading to the loss of the lives of 58,000 Americans in vain, not to mention the millions of additional deaths caused in Vietnam and Cambodia by the Communists. Cronkite's public verdict that the 1968 Tet offensive was a "defeat" for the U.S. is widely seen as a turning point in American support for the war. Cronkite falsely claimed that the Vietcong had held the American embassy for six hours and that the offensive "went on for two months". The facts show that Tet was actually a major defeat for the communist enemy.

I don't suggest your columnist should have mentioned these truths at a moment like this. But remember the old wise adage: "If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything."

I also wonder how many cutesie, quaint blurbs Mr. Plank wrote for a Republican President like he gushed for Obama.

Alex Schneider, El Segundo, CA



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