

# Calendar

## MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

• **Republican Assembly Meeting.** The South Bay Chapter of the California Republican Assembly meets from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave. All are welcome. 310-406-5429

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

• **Ostomy Association meeting.** The Ostomy Associations meeting will be at Torrance Memorial Medical center at 7:30 PM in the West Tower # B. The presenter will be either Dr. Petri or ET nurse Anne Marie Knudsen presenting anatomical bowel questions, reanastomosis & hernias. Ostomates and their friends are welcome.

## UPCOMING

• **Los Cancioneros Master Chorale.** Join LC as we surf the dial through the golden years of radio songs from the 20s to 60s "Gather 'Round the Radio" June 28, 7:00 PM James Armstrong Theatre- Torrance Cultural Arts Center 3330 Civic Center Drive. Tickets, open seating \$18.00 Jo Sheldon 310-530-0327 Theatre 310-781-7171.

• **Fun Class for Kids on Etiquette and Social Skills.** The City of Manhattan Beach Parks & Recreation Department proudly announces the return of its popular course in good manners by etiquette instructor Dianeh O'Farrill. "Etiquette and Social Skills for Children" Ages 6-12. A two-session course on Saturdays, July 18 & 25, or Saturdays, August 15 & 22, 2009 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Classes will take place at Live Oak Park Hall 1901 Valley Drive Manhattan Beach. Residents \$78; non-residents \$84. For further information, please call The Manhattan Beach Parks & Recreation Department 310-802-5448. This popular educational program covers the basics of good manners needed by children to interact successfully in various social situations.

## 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 Garetta; 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 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.

• **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.

• **Poetry Reading Circle** Recent/longtime, amateur and wannabe poets are welcome to read their own 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. •

# Academy

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police department because it had so many different functions," she said. "We learned a lot about the behind-the-scenes operations and the aspects of the police department that you don't necessarily consider when you've been pulled over."

The Academy met once a week in the evening, when officers from different parts of the department came to lecture. Speakers included members of parking enforcement, the school resource officer, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), and the K-9 unit. "One of my favorite ones was the K-9 unit," Allmon said. "It was pretty awesome--that dog was really cute."

Allmon added that the police ride-along was one of her favorite parts of the class. "You get to sit in a police car and ride along with the police officer for four hours and see what they do," she said. "They call it the curse of the ride-along because whenever you go with the police officer, nothing happens. But it was a lot of fun."

Academy facilitator Sergeant Tim Hageman said the Academy had an exciting class this year and that the students seemed to be really dedicated to the program. "It was our largest class I believe this year, and they're all excited to volunteer and get involved in our community," he said.

Now that they have graduated, students may spend time working at the police department as volunteers. "One cool thing about the Academy is you're supposed to get the opportunity to volunteer in some aspect, so I'm excited about that," Allmon said. "I think my sister is looking into the victim's assistance program."

Chief Uyeda said the program is so important to the City that it was given special consideration when the Council created the 2009/2010 budget. "It is one of the programs that was spared in the budget cuts because

of the Council's belief in how important it is to build these relationships in the community with our police department," he said.

Though the Academy will be cut from two to one a year, Allmon was glad that the program was spared because it brings people together. "Without these programs, it makes it really difficult for people in the community to connect with each other," she said. "The Police Academy is a way for people to learn and grow together."

Powell said the Council hopes to restore the Academy's budget once the economy recovers. "The more community awareness we have is a great thing, but we have to balance our budget," he explained. "I'm glad the program wasn't suspended entirely. It just means for now we won't have as many graduates a year."

Mayor Portia Cohen told the graduates that the Council sees the program as a priority because it values the relationship that the police department has with the community. "Feel good about having participated in this," Cohen said. "And please do share your knowledge of our wonderful department and your outreach with the rest of the community; it helps everybody."

For more information about the Manhattan Beach Community Police Academy, call (310) 802-5140.



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