



City Council roundup

by Carley Dryden

Pumpkin Races

City Council recently reinstated the Pumpkin Races as an official city-sponsored event to be held on Sunday, Oct. 30.

The first Pumpkin Races event was approved by City Council and implemented in September 2007. The city partnered with the Downtown Business and Professional Association and with the organizers of the original Pumpkin Races

(Karl Rogers, Michael Aaker and John Holliday) for the event held down Manhattan Beach Boulevard from Ocean Avenue to the pier. In 2007 and 2008, the city co-sponsored the event with a fee waiver for city services like police and public works. Because of budgetary concerns, the city slashed funding for the event along with several other special city events in 2008. The original organizers of the event continued implementing the

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Moving Planet South Bay

This Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 13th Street in Manhattan Beach will be closed off for a family-friendly festival to promote the passage of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and the Vitality City Livability Plan.

Nearly 50 local businesses, community organizations and groups are participating in the event, which will feature exhibitor booths, demonstrations, workshops, interactive displays and free resources all focused on increasing biking, walking and healthier living in the South Bay.

Free workshops and demonstrations on yoga, tai chi, Zumba, dancing, youth bike safety, beekeeping, edible gardening, stretching for runners and walkers, and gardening aerobics will take place at Metlox Plaza.

The event will also feature composting lessons, bike adjustments and safety inspections, games and activities for kids, meditation instruction, urban chicken raising tips, nutritional advice and bicycle parking. Nearly 30 downtown establishments will offer discounts and special incentives for attendees throughout the day.

“On Sept. 24 at Moving Planet events all around the world, people will be coming together in their communities to support fossil fuel solutions to combat climate change and reduce emissions and air pollution,” said Sona Kalapura, the city’s environmental programs manager. “We have an unprecedented chance to improve our environment and our quality of life by passing these two plans.”

For more information on the event visit www.350.org/en/SouthBay350 or the city’s Web site at www.citymb.info.

Cohen will lead the design team as the project’s principal. With the project still in the early stages — entitlement deals and the Environmental Impact Report are in

town L.A.,” he said.
Longtime friend and City Councilman Richard Montgomery spoke to legislators in Sacramento on Cohen’s behalf when the
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A diamond celebration



The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club recently celebrated its 75th diamond anniversary. The social club has more than 200 badminton-playing members, some who have been in the club for 50 plus years.

Above: Past president Spud Monohan dances with member Lee Calvert.
Below: Current club president Dede Davis-Tran poses with past club presidents.

(photos by Lynn O'Connell)



Ride, Walk, Run, Rollerblade or Skateboard On Over To:



A family friendly Celebration in support of the new South Bay Bicycle Master Plan & the Vitality City Livability Plan!

FREE! FUN! PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS! GREAT WORKSHOPS!

MOVING PLANET: SOUTH BAY

Saturday, September 24th

10 am to 2 pm

13th Street & Morningside Drive in Manhattan Beach

- **FREE Bike Parking Corral**
- **Appear in the Video & Photo Campaigns**
- **Solar-Powered DJ Music**
- **Sustainable Landscaping Tips**
- **Hermosa Beach Community Garden**
- **Energy Saving Tips & Programs**
- **Vitality City Walking Moai Groups**
- **Composting Workshop**

10:00 AM Moving Planet Festival kickoff with welcome by City Council and event partners

10:30 AM

Vitality City Skit

10:45 AM

Walking Tour of Demonstration Garden at City Hall

11:00 AM

Walk through Moving Planet Festival Displays

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Moving Planet Workshops, 13th Street/Metlox Plaza

11:00 AM

Bikram Yoga Workshop

11:15 AM

Grades of Green: How to pack a trash free lunch

11:25 AM

Village Runner: Running/walking/stretching clinic

11:35 AM

GrowingGreat: Growing an organic vegetable garden

11:45 AM

MB Botanical Garden: Quiet gardening “aerobics”

12:00 PM

YogaBuddies: Yoga for kids

12:15 PM

backwards beekeepers: Beehives in your backyard

12:25 PM

i Tai Chi for health: Tai Chi demo

12:40 PM

REI: Youth Bike Safety

12:55 PM

Tree Musketeers

1:00 PM

You Can Dance Studio: Dance Performance

1:20 PM

Adventureplex: Zumba! Exercise for everyone

11:45 AM
 12:00 PM
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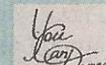
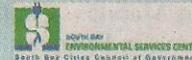
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 You Can Dance Studio: Dance Performance
 Adventureplex: Zumba! Exercise for everyone
 South Bay Bicycle Coalition: Rules of the Road for Bikes & Cars
 Manhattan Beach Environmental Task Force
 Beach Cities Health District: Exercise for Seniors
 Event Concludes

Bike/Walk-Friendly Businesses in Manhattan Beach!

Make sure to bike or walk to each of these establishments to receive a very special offer when you mention Moving Planet!!

*Ateam Shoe Shop • Ava & Aliria • Aviator Nation • Barbie K • Bella Beach • Bella Beach Kids • Blvd - Men's & Women's Apparel
 Bloume Baby • Bob Roy Salon • Cake Bake Shop • Cami • Chique • Cupcakes Couture • d'boutique • Dan Deutsch Optical Outlook
 Dawn Baker • Elegance Boutique Spa and Medical Aesthetics • Four Daughters Kitchen • Harry's Cleaners • Kasai Hair
 Krise's of Manhattan Hair Salon • Lisa's Gallery • Look! Optometry • Magpie • Manhattan Denim • Manhattan Meats
 Manhattan Pizzeria • Old Venice • Pasha Fine Jewelry • Roundhouse Aquarium • Shade Hotel Lounge • Shore Fit • Subway
 Sun & Moon Cafe • Tabula Rasa Essentials • Trendy Sunglass & Optometry*

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