



# Mar Vista Community News



Winter 2010

A jet lands at Santa Monica Airport, located on MVCC's border. See pages 4-5 for survey results and commentary about SMO.

## Happy birthday to MVCC's new web site **Transportation update: Moving the Westside into the 21st century**

We Mar Vistans are an eclectic tribe. We are young and old, individuals and families, artists and architects, accountants and activists, teachers and physicians, cooks and computer experts, students, business owners and volunteers.

What unites our community is the belief that we live, work and play in a wonderful place that deserves our active participation and support. We gather regularly at our farmer's markets, parks, library and schools, at our churches, mosques and synagogues, at coffee shops, restaurants, shops and offices (and, yes, even at council meetings) to enjoy and nurture our community. Yet we also need a home online where we can easily access news and info about our neighborhood.

For many years, our web site functioned admirably under the technical savvy and supervision of William Scheduling, a founding member of the Council who designed the original site and

served as webmaster. We owe Bill our gratitude for years of steadfast service.

Today, thanks to months of herculean volunteer effort by the council, we are proud to announce the birth of a new, full-featured online community resource to help inform and engage all who call Mar Vista home. Special thanks must go to the members of the Web site Development Committee and Urban Insight. Rob Kadota, Sharon Commins, Marty Rubin, Christopher McKinnon, Albert Olson, Kurt Rademaker, and his team at Urban Insight invested countless hours for a year to manage a complex, challenging project, and to deliver a truly exceptional online resource to our community. Thanks also to John Ayers, who designed the web site's header graphic; and Colin Hatton, whose initial vision

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### Transportation update: Moving the Westside into the 21st century

Despite the economic downturn, things are very much happening in transportation for Mar Vista and the neighboring Westside!

For starters, the I-405 widening project has finally ended, giving us a wider freeway with a carpool lane and upgraded cross-streets at National, Palms, and Culver Blvds. Long delayed, our access to and from the freeway is now better than ever, although it's up to the individual to decide if the freeway is moving any faster. The I-405 freeway will now be widened north of the I-10 freeway, but the construction impacts will not directly be felt in our area.

The corresponding mitigation of the I-10 freeway that is the Expo Line is also moving forward in its construction (and has also been plagued by delays). Originally scheduled for opening to Culver City in 2010 in its first phase, the light rail line will at best open from Downtown (near Staples Center) to Crenshaw Blvd. in 2010, and to Culver City in 2011. Technical, labor, construction and legal slowdowns have plagued but educated the Expo Construction Authority so that it's likely we'll see an expedited schedule for both the first, ongoing phase and the second, Westside phase from Culver City to Santa Monica.

At this time, crossings at Overland, Westwood, and Barrington will be ground-level with crossing gates (at-grade), with crossings at Centinela, Sawtelle, Pico and other streets elevated (grade-separated) for the Expo Line; it is uncertain if Sepulveda will be ground-level or have a rail bridge.

Both the future Exposition/Sepulveda and Bundy/Olympic Expo Line stations are in the works to have adjacent large development projects (Casden and Bundy Village projects, respectively) that may or may not have enough transit-oriented and/or right-sized features to please the MVCC. Whether these stations and projects lie within MVCC boundaries or not, their traffic and infrastructure impacts will impact MVCC residents, and the MVCC Transportation/Infrastructure Committee will fight for the rights and quality of life of Mar Vista area residents.

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## Have a greener 2010 at Mar Vista's very own Green Living Workshop



Learn what you can do to solve environmental problems, save money and improve your quality of life. Thanks to a Community Improvement Grant from MVCC, this workshop will be FREE and in Los Angeles for the very first time. The program will bring together like minded individuals building a greener community and help residents:

- Reduce water and energy use

- Divert solid waste through composting and recycling
- Eliminate toxic chemicals
- Learn to make better consumer and food choices

The Green Living Workshop meets an hour and a half per week for six weeks. It covers the following topics, one per week: Water, Energy, Waste, Chemicals, Transportation, and Shopping & Food.

We spend time each week learning about environmental problems on a local, national

and global scale. Then with the help of the WorksBook, a comprehensive sustainability primer that all participants receive, we review ten sustainable solutions. A comprehensive list of resources supports the solutions and helps your resolve to implement new lifestyle changes. An accompanying blog helps keep the workshop current and provides a comprehensive book and documentary list for fur-

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# How you can get involved in the MVCC

The Mar Vista Community Council relies, as do all Neighborhood Councils, on the volunteer contributions and involvement of individual members of the community. This involvement can take many different avenues.



**Albert Olson**  
MVCC Chair

One of the most important avenues for individual involvement is coming up in the spring of the 2010. All seats on the MVCC Board of Directors will be up for election on Sunday, April 11. These seats consist of six Zone Directors, six At-Large Directors, and one Community Director.

To all of you reading this column who have ever said to yourself: "I can't believe the MVCC is ignoring this," or "How on earth did so-and-so get to be chair of that committee," or "Why won't anybody do something about this?" or

"What can I do to get the City to listen to me?" ... Well, this is your opportunity to make a difference. By becoming a member of the MVCC Board of Directors, you will become an active participant in the Neighborhood Council process for the City of Los Angeles. You will become a voice for all the stakeholders in your area, and you will become responsible for the decisions the Council arrives at on the many issues that confront our community. It is a very time-consuming, challenging, and at times frustrating endeavor, but in the end it is a very satisfying way to give back something of value to the community in which we live.

You will find additional information in this newsletter about the details of the election, or please feel free to email me with questions at [albert@marvista.org](mailto:albert@marvista.org). Another, albeit simpler, avenue for becoming involved in the Council and its activities will become available with the launch of the new MVCC web site. If all goes as planned, the web site will be up and running some time in January or soon thereafter. This site has evolved over the past year through many hours of hard work, cre-

ative discussions, persistence, and dedication from a group of people including community members, Board members, and the web team at Urban Insight. Additionally, the assistance of Bill Scheduling, one of the founding members of the MVCC and the man who single-handedly created and maintained the web site we have relied on since 2003, has been invaluable in making this transition.

And the impetus for expending the time, energy, and money to build a new web site has been the desire to create a place where stakeholders could come online to learn about our community, learn about the activities and committees of the Council, and interact with the Council and other members of the community. There will be articles to read, surveys to take, documents to study, blog pages, up-to-date calendars of MVCC events and community events, videos to watch, photos to enjoy, and opportunities to get involved at whatever level is comfortable and appropriate for you. Please take the time to explore and enjoy the new web site.

*Albert Olson*  
Mar Vista Community Council Chair

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started the project. Ultimately, [marvista.org](http://marvista.org) strives to be more than another web site. It's your neighborhood online. At [marvista.org](http://marvista.org) you can learn about the business of community-building (with 24/7 access to MVCC meetings, minutes and agendas) as much as you can discover news about Mar Vista's vibrant community and the events, activities, and organizations that enrich our community.

At [marvista.org](http://marvista.org), you can sign up to volunteer at a community event, browse the community calendar for upcoming festivals, download agenda and minutes for committee meetings on issues that you care about, submit your own local events, read informative and inspiring articles, apply for community grants, learn about businesses and the nonprofit organizations that serve our community, and enjoy photos and videos of people and activities that make Mar Vista special, and much more – all under one virtual roof!

Think of it as the grand opening of a state-of-the-art community center for all Mar Vistans, except that it's made up of bytes instead of bricks. And as you browse the site, let us know what you like and what can be improved. It's still very young and bound to improve as it grows. Much like Mar Vista itself, [marvista.org](http://marvista.org) brims with promise, so as we celebrate its launch, let's also nurture it together. All you need is a computer, an internet connection, a curious mind and a civic disposition.

*Babak Nahid*  
Web site Development Committee Chair

## Zoning in on Zone 1 in 2010

It's the holidays and the final year of the first decade of the millennium. Portentous sounding perhaps, and yet we in Zone 1 continue to live our neighborly lives in quiet, cosmopolitan majesty.

Nestled between Mar Vista, Palms, West Los Angeles, Venice and Culver City, our Mar Vista neighborhood is smack dab in the middle of a storied zone of delights, a mini-silk route where a smorgasbord of cultures, commerce, and neighborhoods converge.

To our north, Westside Pavilion Mall and dozens of shops and restaurants that surround it are there for our patronage. We can indulge in some of the best bagels next to Vons and CVS on National and Sepulveda, or bite into a great burger from across the street.

To the South we have access to all that scrappy, arty Venice and the world-class restaurants, theaters, art galleries of Culver City have to offer. There's Cafe Brazil, ethnic markets galore, trendy bars like Saints & Sinners, and more restaurants and stores than you can shake a stick at.

To the East, we can have our pickings of a multicultural bazaar of restaurants and bars, the ever-popular Overland Cafe with its Mimosa Sundays and a favorite hang-out of our local police officers and young professionals. Or the carefully honed flavors of Sushi Central as directed by chef Phillip Yi, famed for beating Bobby Flay in a sushi battle in "Throwdown with Bobby Flay" on the Food Network. And now the soon-to-open Sushi Restaurant n.Naka on Overland Avenue by the veteran chef/owner Niki Nakayama.

To the West, we can walk to Mar Vista Park where you can watch great soccer being played or swing your toddler in the playground, or attend educational events run by and for youth of all ages. We can then skip to Whole Foods for gourmet groceries or Starbucks for a venti soy latte.

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## Zone 6 Report

Happy New Year! Thank you for all the wonderful community spirit we have in Mar Vista.



**Marilyn Marble**  
Zone 6 Director

Thank you to our Councilman Bill Rosendahl and his deputies Len Nguyen and Jim Horowitz. They have been responsive to my calls and sensitive to the needs of the community. Many stakeholders have voiced their neigh-

borhood concerns to me. I try to respond to everyone. Let me know if you have not heard from me.

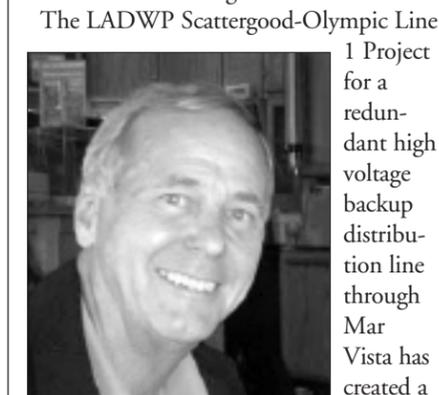
I recently learned that overnight restricted signs had been placed on lower Palms. This was a follow-up to motor homes that park there for long periods of time and were suspected of drug trafficking.

For the coming year, the MVCC has long-term goals projected. The renovation of Historic Fire Station 62 is moving forward with the leadership of Sharon Commins, Rachel Swanger and the concerned neighbors. Many professionals have donated time and knowledge to proceed in the step-by-step process.

The MVCC continues to represent community concerns regarding the impacts of aircraft traffic

## Zone 5 Report

For background on Zone 5 issues refer to the Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2009 MVCC Newsletters on the web site [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org)



**Christopher McKinnon**  
Zone 5 Director

The LADWP Scattergood-Olympic Line 1 Project for a redundant high voltage backup distribution line through Mar Vista has created a public outcry from residents along the proposed Inglewood avenue route mostly for Electro Magnetic Frequency concerns. Other proposed routes through South Mar Vista have created a backlash from other neighborhoods that would be impacted especially the residential North Oval area.

Welcome new business slated to open in January in or adjacent to Zone 5 are Earl's Gourmet Grub (EGG for short) next to the Venice Grind on Venice Blvd. and a reported outpost of Fraiche on Washington Boulevard in the old Crest Family restaurant space in Culver City.

Graffiti continues to be a problem in the east-west alley and on storefronts along Venice Blvd. between Centinela to Inglewood Boulevard. Report any suspicious activity to LAPD watch commanders 310-482-6334 or emergency only 911.

Pacific Division LAPD will be getting a new Captain or more in January as

Captain Joe Hiltner will be transferring to the Valley and Captain James West is reportedly going to work for the Federal government. A good official LAPD blog for up to date crime news citywide is [lapdblog.typepad.com/lapd\\_blog/](http://lapdblog.typepad.com/lapd_blog/) with links back to the LAPD web site. The new Commanding Officer for Pacific will be Captain Jon F. Peters.

North Oval Neighborhood Association had a successful 2nd annual fundraiser with their Progressive Dinner that stopped at their homes and one local institution indulging in drinks, appetizers, soup, main course, salad, and finally dessert and coffee. This year they had the added treat of musician neighbor John Zainer playing his accordion at each stop with group Carol singing around the firepit at the final destination. A silent auction of donated items added to the fund which the Association hopes to utilize in their ongoing struggle to rebuild their curbs and get their failed streets rebuilt.

Their have been several Solar installations on rooftops in SoMar much of it as part of the Go Solar Mar Vista – SolarCity efforts.

A recent positive blogpost on the Huffington Post blog and an article in the LA Times opinion section about Mar Vista should add to the burgeoning pride of place for all Mar Vistans. [www.huffingtonpost.com/staciekraich/dear-angelenos-meet-mar-v\\_b\\_380861.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/staciekraich/dear-angelenos-meet-mar-v_b_380861.html) and local resident Southwestern Law School professor Molly Selvin writes about the Rainwater Harvesting project that many in SoMar participated in [www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-selvin17-2009\\_dec17\\_0,2629636.story](http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-selvin17-2009_dec17_0,2629636.story).

Have a wonderful 2010.  
*Christopher McKinnon*  
Zone 5 Director

from the Santa Monica airport on our stakeholders. A recent study from a UCLA research group has focused attention on the harmful emissions.

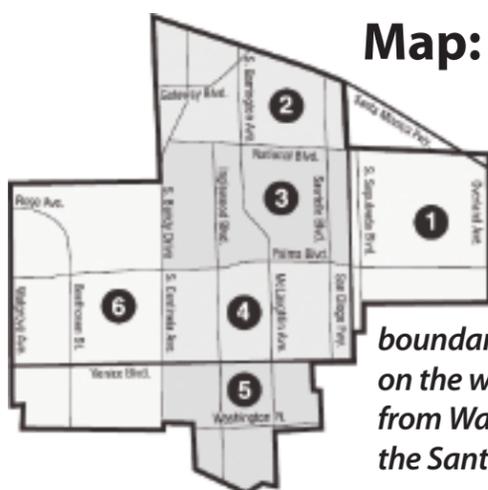
My personal goal for this year is to establish a Neighborhood Watch. While we are vigilant with our neighbors, we need to be organized. My first meeting will be at my house on Jan. 17, 2010. Watch for flyers. I am also seeking volunteers to help in the schools. Please let me know if you are available. This is a good way to give back to the community and is so rewarding.

As always, contact me with your concerns 310-313-7280 or [MarilynMarble@MarVista.Org](mailto:MarilynMarble@MarVista.Org). I am also available at the Farmers' Market on Sundays at the MVCC booth.

*Marilyn Marble*  
Zone 6 Director

## Mar Vista Community Council Zone

### Map: What's your zone?



**There are six MVCC Zones, each having a director who sits on the MVCC Board. Please contact the director for your zone with your thoughts, comments and concerns. The MVCC boundaries are, roughly, from Walgrove on the west to Overland on the east, and from Washington Place on the south to the Santa Monica Freeway on the north.**

### Mar Vista Community Council

Agendas and minutes are posted on-line at [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org)

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# The airport in our own backyard

A special section dedicated to the issues surrounding the Santa Monica Airport



ALBERT OLSON

MVCC has been conducting a survey regarding the impact of various aspects of Santa Monica Airport air traffic on the surrounding neighborhoods. The survey was initiated in the spring of 2008 and will be continuing as a part of our new web site which will be launched in 2010. The new web site will also contain the results of the survey in complete detail and provide a mapping of the location of the respondents' residential addresses in relation to their proximity to the Airport.

Here are the basic numerical results of the survey as of December of 2009. Due to the constraints of space in the newsletter, "e. Other" responses are presented only as a total. In the detailed online results to be published on the new web site, each "Other" response will be itemized.

Each question also provided space for written "Comments" by the respondent. Although these are not included in the numerical results for each question, they provide some of the most interesting and thought-provoking responses for each question. These comments will

be included in the online results in their entirety, and it is highly recommended that interested parties go to the web site and peruse these comments. Of the 700 or so hard copies that were turned in at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market and gathered from the inserts in neighborhood newsletters and the MVCC newsletter, over 500 had comments written in. The comments are so variable that categorizing them would do them a disservice, while taken all together they reflect the unique, diverse voice of the Mar Vista stakeholders. No one has been edited out because of content. You will hear the anger, frustration, fear, hope, indifference, irony, sarcasm, humor, empathy, intolerance, and even some joy that all reside in our community, together. If you prefer tallies and numerical counts, which can give a more factual look to data, the tabulated, numerical part of the survey is for you. Both parts of the survey together give a fuller picture.

*Gwen Rinehart and Albert Olson  
Santa Monica Airport Committee Members*

## MVCC's Santa Monica Airport Survey Results

### Propeller Aircraft

1. Which of the following statements best describes your attitude concerning the noise created by aircraft taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport?

- a. At times, the noise is overwhelming. I can hear nothing else when certain planes are passing overhead or revving their engines just prior to take-off: **98**
- b. I find the noise extremely intrusive: **96**
- c. I find the noise to be a nuisance: **197**
- d. I do not notice any such noise: **136**
- e. Other: **45**

2. Approximately how many times a day do you notice this noise?

These answers ranged from 0-100 times a day, with the largest percentage answer (at 70 responses) being 2 times a day. Responses will be completely itemized in the online results.

### Jet Aircraft

3. Which of the following statements best describes your attitude concerning the noise created by aircraft taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport?

- a. At times, the noise is overwhelming. I can hear nothing else when certain planes are passing overhead or revving their engines just prior to take-off: **194**
- b. I find the noise extremely intrusive: **139**
- c. I find the noise to be a nuisance: **128**
- d. I do not notice any such noise: **91**
- e. Other: **32**

4. Approximately how many times a day do you notice this noise?

These answers ranged from 0-200 times a day, with the largest percentage answer (at 69 responses) being 2 times a day. Responses will be completely itemized in the online results.

### Aircraft Fumes/Soot

5. Which of the following statements best describes your attitude concerning fumes that seem to be related to jet fuel emissions created by aircraft taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport?

- a. At times, the fumes are overwhelming. My family and I cannot be out-doors or have open windows in our house when these fumes are present: **110**
- b. I have physical reactions to the fumes: **73**
- c. I find the fumes to be a nuisance: **125**
- d. I do not smell anything: **247**
- e. Other: **17**

6. How often do you notice these fumes?

- a. Many times per day: **64**
- b. Daily: **82**
- c. A few times per week: **136**
- d. Rarely or Never: **201**

**For full survey results including written comments visit [www.MarVista.org](http://www.MarVista.org) or e-mail [info@MarVista.org](mailto:info@MarVista.org)**

## MVCC Airport Committee and You

The MVCC Santa Monica Airport (SMO) Ad Hoc Committee (SMAC) was started in 2007 in response to a growing outcry from local stakeholders. SMAC's mission statement addresses several very important community concerns; "Investigate and research the ongoing health, safety, environmental, monetary, and quality-of-life issues created by the activities of the Santa Monica Airport, Search, and advocate, for solutions to these issues." Neighborhoods greatly impacted by SMO operations include North Westdale, Westdale, Hilltop, Ven-Mar, Venice, and Santa Monica's Sunset Park. Some areas are more impacted than others by one or more of these issues.

Additionally, one of the main goals of the committee is to effectively communicate our concerns to the City of Santa Monica, the FAA and any other public official or entity that may play a role in keeping us safe.

With help from and in coordination with groups like Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, the MVCC is striving to address all of your concerns. SMAC began by taking a one-year survey to determine how and which areas are affected. This survey is now being processed. SMAC has also written in support of the City of Santa Monica against the FAA regarding the City's ban of faster category C&D aircraft; due to an insufficient runway length with

no runway safety areas in case of an emergency. The FAA contends that Santa Monica Airport is an important reliever airport for LAX and needs to have these planes continue to use SMO. The case is currently tied up in court and will be for a few more years.

In the mean time, and for the future, SMAC is focused on two major issues; jet exhaust pollution and noise pollution. UCLA scientists recently published a study on Aircraft Emission Impacts in a Neighborhood (North Westdale) Adjacent to a General Aviation Airport (SMO) in Southern California. They found extraordinarily high levels of particles downwind from SMO. We are working on an awareness campaign through letter writing to our elected officials and through outreach to the general community. Additionally the airport recently installed a new noise monitor near the corner of National and Bundy. We would like to see this data firsthand and are asking SMO staff to make this information available in the very near future.

Please get involved if these issues affect you in any way. The easiest way to get more info is through our web site [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org). Follow the links to the committee page and sign up for our Early Notification System to get updates and important information.

*Bill Koontz, Co-Chair  
MVCC Santa Monica Airport Committee*

**The Mar Vista Community Council from time to time invites commentary in our newsletter from community leaders who have a specific interest in an issue important to the Mar Vista community. We appreciate the commitment these people bring to the well-being of our community, and welcome their independent contributions to our newsletter.**

## From Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution

Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and surrounding communities have grown up side-by-side. Today the airport is very different than it used to be, physically as well as operationally. On average, 30 jets use SMO daily, up from 2 daily in 1984. Piston aircraft traffic is half what it was. What effect has this had on the airport's neighbors? Santa Monica Airport neighbors have mostly complained about noise. Santa Monica and the FAA signed the "1984 Agreement," intending to resolve disputes and respond to aviation interests and residents' complaints about airport noise. With the addition of a jet center and a \$10 million runway resurfacing, total annual jet operations skyrocketed from 1,270 in 1985 to 17,736 in 2005. Jets account for almost all noise violations at the (only) two official noise monitors, located ¼ mile from

each runway end. Unless you live at one of the monitor locations, your area is not measured. Touch-and-go type flying over Venice and Mar Vista, reverse thrusters and the high pitched whine of idling jets are examples of noise that neighbors find disturbing, yet go unmeasured.

In the 1984 Agreement there is no mention about air pollution impacts. And yet each time a jet taxis, idles and takes off, it blows toxic fumes into homes just across Bundy Drive. A group of UCLA scientists placed their state-of-the art mobile air monitoring station at various locations in North Westdale and sampled the air. Their recently published study compliments a 1999 Los Angeles Unified School District study in showing that toxic air pollution from jet operations at SMO encroaches well into the North

Westdale area east of the airport.

In 2003, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP) was founded to advocate for the community regarding noise and air pollution as well as safety concerns, by taking the issues to our governmental representatives and to the press. CRAAP was honored with an award from the City of Los Angeles for our environmental work.

Those who are interested in joining our efforts to safeguard the airport's neighboring communities can sign on to our e-mail contact list at [www.jetairpollution.com](http://www.jetairpollution.com).

For more information, contact Martin Rubin at 310-479-2529 or [jetairpollution@earthlink.net](mailto:jetairpollution@earthlink.net)

*Martin Rubin  
Director, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution*

## From SMO's Director: Santa Monica Airport Sustainability Plan

This year the Santa Monica City Council adopted the Santa Monica Airport Sustainability Plan. This first-of-its kind general aviation sustainability plan commits the Santa Monica Airport to taking a proactive leadership role and it will be among the first general aviation airports in the country with a sustainability plan and policy. The policies establish goals and guidelines for City staff and airport tenants regarding Airport operations and practices in eleven areas.

- Air Quality – Reduce Airport emissions through advocacy for federal action to strengthen aircraft emission reduction standards for all aircraft and increase the study of aviation impacts, alternative aviation fuels and mitigation strategies and programs. The Airport will continue its cooperation with the SCAQMD and other regional, state and federal agencies to collect scientifically valid data on air quality impacts from aircraft operating at the Airport. The Airport shall continue to use

alternatively fueled vehicles for Airport operations and seek to maximize use of alternative energy power sources such as solar.

- Noise – Maintain strong monitoring and enforcement of existing noise restrictions for aircraft.
- Open Space – Expand the amount of open space at the Airport that is available for landscaping, recreation and relaxation and a landscaped buffer area around the Airport perimeter.
- Water – Reduce water use in all areas of airport operations.
- Urban Runoff – Implement best management practices and projects to maximize the onsite retention and reuse of urban runoff from the Airport.
- Hazardous Materials – Eliminate or minimize the use of hazardous materials by airport and tenant operations, provide for their proper handling.
- Construction Practices – Require all new buildings at the Airport to achieve a minimum

LEED Silver rating and all remodels or renovations of buildings over 7,500 square feet to achieve a minimum LEED Certification rating.

- Transportation – Implement policies, programs and measures to encourage use of public transportation by Airport users and visitors, address circulation issues and reduce traffic impacts on surrounding neighborhoods from Airport users.
- Solid Waste – Implement waste reduction and waste recycling requirements for the Airport.
- Public Participation – Conduct ongoing outreach and education with neighbors, community groups, public agencies and other Airport.
- Advocacy – Undertake an active role with regional, State and federal officials and agencies in support of the goals of the Airport Sustainability Plan.

*Bob Trimborn  
Santa Monica Airport Director*

## Mar Vista Community Council Elections: You can be a candidate!

The City Clerk – Election Division has provided the following information regarding the procedures a candidate must follow in order to become a candidate for a seat on the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors.

**Election Day: Sunday, April 11, 2010 10 am till 4 pm at Mar Vista Park, 11430 Woodbine Ave.**

All 13 seats on the Board of Directors will be up for election. There are 6 At-large Directors, 6 Zone Directors, and 1 Community Director.

The At-Large Directors will be elected by all eligible stakeholders who live, work, or own property in the Mar Vista Community Council Area. Each Zone Director will be elected by eligible stakeholders who live work, or own property in each particular zone. Please see [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org) for Zone boundaries. The Community Director will be elected by all eligible stakeholders who live, work, or own property in the Mar Vista Community Council Area or those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it.

A. Stakeholders can run for no more than one Board seat.

B. All potential candidates must complete a Candidate Filing Form and file the form with the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division.

C. Candidates must provide documentation to establish eligibility to hold office.

D. Picture identification (such as a California's Driver's License/Identification Card, U.S. passport or credit card containing a person's photograph) shall not be the only acceptable means of establishing stakeholder status and candidate eligibility.

E. The City Clerk - Election Division will determine the acceptable forms of identification for each person.

F. Candidate Filing Forms may be downloaded from the City Clerk web site, may be requested by calling the Election Division office, and can be picked up at the Regional Stakeholder / Candidate Information Meetings. Persons may pick up the items or request them by contacting:  
 City Clerk - Election Division  
 Mar Vista Community Council  
 Piper Technical Center  
 555 Ramirez Street  
 3rd Floor, Space 300  
 Los Angeles, CA, 90012  
 Phone: (213) 978-0444

A. The Candidate Filing Process for appearing on the ballot shall begin at 8 am on Mon., Jan. 11, 2010 and shall conclude as of 5 pm on Wed., Feb. 10, 2010.

All Candidate Filing Forms, (excluding the optional Candidate Statement Form) and all necessary forms of documentation for establishing the candidate's stakeholder status for the office must be received at the City Clerk - Election Division office within this period in order for a candidate to appear on the ballot. Candidate Filing Forms submitted after 60 days prior to Election Day but before the Write-in Candidate Filing deadline 30 days prior to Election Day will solely be considered as Write-in Candidates and their name will not appear on the ballot.

B. Deadline for submitting the optional Candidate Statements for candidates appearing on the ballot is 5 pm on Fri., Mar. 12, 2010

C. Completed Forms must be submitted to the City Clerk - Election Division staff at a Regional Stakeholder / Candidate Informational event, in person at the Election Division (address at left), or mailed directly with copies of all necessary documentation required to establish stakeholder status for the specific position being sought.

D. The Write-in Candidate Filing Process shall begin at 8 am on Thurs., Feb. 11, 2010 & shall conclude at 5 pm on Fri., Mar. 12, 2010

All Candidate Filing Forms, the optional Candidate Statement Form and all necessary forms of documentation for establishing the candidate's stakeholder status for the office must be received at the City Clerk - Election Division office within this period at the City Clerk - Election Division by the deadline. Candidate Filing Forms submitted after 30 days prior to Election Day deadline will be considered late and the candidate will not be a qualified Write-in Candidate.

E. Completed Write-in Candidate Filing Forms must be filled out and submitted in person at the City Clerk - Election Division (address listed below) or mailed directly with copies of all necessary stakeholder verification documents to address at left.

### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

A. As part of their Candidate Filing Packet, candidates will have the option to submit a Candidate Statement.

- i. must fit on one side of the Candidate Statement Form provided.
  - ii. must be at least a 12-point font (if typed).
  - iii. Statements must not exceed 150 word count limit.
  - iv. may not include any pictures, profanity or comments about any other candidate(s).
  - v. will be compiled and posted on the City Clerk's web site as well as at the Polling Place on Election Day, if submitted within the submission deadline.
- B. Candidate Statements are optional and the decision to submit them shall not prevent a candidate's certification.

C. A candidate may submit translated version(s) of the original statement, which must comply with all aforementioned criteria.

D. Statements for all qualified candidates must be submitted to the City Clerk - Election Division by 5 pm on Fri., Mar. 12, 2010. Statements shall not be accepted thereafter.

## Calendar of monthly events in Mar Vista

For more information about meeting times and locations, visit [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Every Sunday</b> Mar Vista Farmers Market at Venice & Grand View 8:30 AM - 2 PM MVCC Green Committee Booth: Eco Guest Presenter <b>First Sunday</b> Education, Arts & Cultures Committee	<b>First Monday</b> MVCC Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM	<b>First Tuesday</b> Neighborhood Traffic Management, 7 PM Santa Monica College Bundy Campus	<b>First Wednesday</b> Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, 7 PM	<b>Third Thursday</b> Education, Arts & Cultures Committee	<b>Every Friday</b> Mar Vista Senior Group, Mar Vista Park 10 AM	<b>First Sat.</b> Mar Vista Historical Society, Mormon Hill Tour, call (310) 398-2136 for reservations.
<b>Every Sunday</b> Mar Vista Farmers Market at Venice & Grand View 8:30 AM - 2 PM, MVCC Booth: Meet your Council Members, MVCC Green Committee Booth: Eco Guest Presenter	<b>Second Monday</b> North Westdale Neighborhood Association 7 PM St. Andrew's Church	<b>Second Tuesday</b> MVCC Monthly Board Meeting 7 PM, Mar Vista Park  Friends of Beethoven Elem. School PTSA 6 PM, Beethoven Parent Center	<b>Second Wednesday</b> Mar Vista Elem. School Student Enrichment Group  Richland Ave. Elementary Booster Club	<b>Second Thursday</b> South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, 6 PM Mar Vista Library  Venice H.S. PTSA 7 PM, cafeteria	<b>Every Friday</b> Mar Vista Senior Group, Mar Vista Park 10 AM	<b>Second Sat.</b> Mar Vista Historical Society, Ocean Park Heights Tour, call (310) 398-2136 for reservations.
<b>Every Sunday</b> Mar Vista Farmers Market at Venice & Grand View 8:30 AM - 2 PM, MVCC Booth: Meet your Council Members, MVCC Green Committee Booth: Eco Guest Presenter	<b>Third Monday</b> MVCC Election and Bylaws Committee 7:30 PM	<b>Third Tuesday</b> MVCC Urban Planning/Land Use Meeting, 6 PM Mar Vista Library  Mar Vista Recreation Park Advisory Board 6:30 PM, Mar Vista Park Auditorium	<b>Third Wednesday</b> Historic Fire Station 62 ad hoc Committee, 7 PM, location varies; check agenda  Pacific Division Community Police Advisory Board, 7 PM Marina Beach Marriott	<b>Third Thursday</b> Mar Vista Historical Society, 7PM	<b>Every Friday</b> Mar Vista Senior Group, Mar Vista Park 10 AM	<b>Third Sat.</b> Mar Vista Historical Society, Mar Vista Oval Tour, call (310) 398-2136 for reservations.
<b>Every Sunday</b> Mar Vista Farmers Venice & Grand View Market 8:30 AM - 2 PM  <b>Fourth Sunday</b> Green Committee 9:30 AM, Mar Vista Farmers' Market		<b>Fourth Tuesday</b> MVCC Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, 7 PM Santa Monica College Bundy Campus	<b>Fourth Wednesday</b> MVCC Outreach Committee, 7 PM Santa Monica College Bundy Campus	<b>Fourth Thursday</b> MVCC Safety & Security Meeting 7 PM, Coffee Connection	<b>Every Friday</b> Mar Vista Senior Group, Mar Vista Park 10 AM	

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The Playa Vista Village project ("Playa Vista Phase II") lies to the south of MVCC borders but will impact Mar Vista area residents, and the T/I Committee will weigh those impacts as well as its brings its recommendations to the MVCC Board.

Transportation improvements on Venice, National and Centinela Blvds., sidewalks, bicycle plans, electrical lines and water infrastructure

are also topics that the T/I Committee addresses at its monthly meetings (which are normally held the third Tuesday evening of each month at Santa Monica Bundy Campus, Room 123 from 7-9 pm). Committee membership is very simple: show up! One person can make a difference ... and that person might just be you.

*Ken Alpern  
 Transportation/ Infrastructure  
 Committee Co-chair*

### ZONE 1 from page 3

In the middle of this treasure map, we have the gift of faith and charity in mosques, temples and churches like St John's Presbyterian Church whose community programs bring joy to families, the needy and anyone who happens to walk under its massive Moreton Bay giant fig tree.

And these are a mere fraction of the wonders that comprise Zone 1 where we're truly spoiled for choices. Yes, it's been a tough year in America as we

conclude the first decade of the 21st century. But for us, the diverse residents of Zone 1, the world seems to spin too fast for us to feel. We're too busy ushering in the next era as we take full advantage of our little slice of Mar Vista.

But we're no strangers to a sense of gratitude. Neither are we so busy as to forget to share all our privileges and to wish our neighbors, near and far, a very happy new year.

*Babak Nabid, Zone 1 Director*

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### MAR VISTA SENIORS CLUB

The Mar Vista Seniors Club meets at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays at the Mar Vista Recreational Center on Woodbine Avenue. The Club provides a forum to meet seniors aged 50-plus. Meetings include coffee and snacks, a farmers' market, programs celebrating various holidays, speakers, entertainment and Bingo. MVSC also has a travel calendar of day trips and overnight trips throughout the year. For more information contact President Adrienne Brown at 310-915-9510.

### SHARE YOUR EXTRA FRUIT

Food Forward is a group of volunteers who convene at private properties they have been invited to and glean the excess fruit on their trees, donating 100% of it to local food pantries. In just 10 months, they have harvested nearly 65,000 pounds of fresh free fruit. Food Forward supplies the volunteers, equipment and coordination. All property owners receive a tax deduction for every pound we harvest. To volunteer your fruit or to be part of a pick, call 818-530-4125 or visit [foodforward.org](http://foodforward.org).

## Planning and Land Use Committee continues work on important local Mar Vista issues

Your MVCC Planning and Land use Management Committee has been full of activity this year. Collectively, we worked successfully on:

- Saving 48 units at 3160 Barrington, Westdale, from being bulldozed.
- Helping our local stakeholders navigate the City system.
- Encouraging small business entrepreneurship along our commercial corridors
- Scrutinizing, and responding to, major regional development projects impacting Mar Vista, including Playa Vista Phase 2; Bundy Village; 11115 Exposition (Casden project); and 3115 Sepulveda (Red Mountain project).

We'll continue monitoring the proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance; the Planning Department's Accessory Dwelling Unit initiative; and the retooling of the SB1818 Ordinance (portions of which were struck down by the courts).

In order to stay informed on area wide concerns, we are active participants in the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils planning group and in PLANCHECK, the citywide neighborhood council organization which works cooperatively with the City Planning Department.

We encourage everyone to bring their community zoning and planning concerns to PLUM.

Collectively, we can make a positive difference in our community's quality of life.

*Steve Wallace and Sharon Commins,  
Planning and Land Use Management Co-Chairs*



Historic Fire Station 62 team members on the Dec. 4, 2009 walk through.

## FREE! SUSTAINABLE WORKS GREEN LIVING WORKSHOP FREE!



Date: 6 consecutive Thursdays, starting Jan. 28  
Where: St. John's Presbyterian Church  
11000 National Blvd.  
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM



**Pre-registration is REQUIRED: [www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com](http://www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com).**

**Give aways and discounts to reward those who are taking the course from:**

B&B Hardware	Green Garmento	Rainbud
Buy Green	Green Health	Smart Faucets
Gardenerd	Green Plumbers LLC	Teaching Wellness
Gary's Greenery	Old School Brand Laundry Soap	LA DWP

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ther learning. All these components result in measurable impacts:

- Reduction in ecological footprint
- 55% decrease in waste sent to landfills
- 20% increase in recycling

- 40% increase in use of safer personal care products
- 65% increase in use of safer cleaning products

The workshop will also include a variety of eco tool give aways to help residents implement solutions. Participants that complete the workshop will also receive special discounts with green resources.

The workshop offers something for

everyone no matter where on the green spectrum they fall. Even if you are an avid reuser and recycler, you can learn how to vermicompost at home and if you are new to sustainability you will be empowered by the knowledge of issues and corresponding solutions to global environmental problems.

The workshop begins on Jan. 28 and will run for 6 successive Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Workshop will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church at 11000 National Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Pre-registration is required at [www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com](http://www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com).

**"I took the workshop last spring thinking I was pretty knowledgeable and was amazed at how much I learned! Something I didn't know before? I thought biodegradable disposable products (forks, spoons, trash bags etc) were helpful. I didn't realize that they only break down if they are put in a compost bin. If they go into trash and end up in a landfill they won't break down without oxygen!"**

*Sherri Akers, Mar Vista Green Committee co-chair*

**Add your drought resistant garden to our 2010 Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase! Contact [sherri@marvista.org](mailto:sherri@marvista.org) for more information!**

## Historic Fire Station 62 journey continues

From the first walk through in January 2009, it was impossible to contain stakeholders' enthusiasm about the potential of the station building, with its north light and excellent space.

Committee members, who put in countless hours of efforts to research what the best use of the property should be, finally presented their recommendation to the MVCC BOD last summer: preserve the building as a community center.

The Board unanimously approved the recommendation. Unanimous support was also received from the bordering Palms and Del Rey Neighborhood Councils.

Then, events took a dramatic turn in September 2009 when your Committee was given the nod to proceed through the extraordinary – and generous – support of our Councilmember, Bill Rosendahl, and our

Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa.

Upon receipt of the full set of original station plans, the Committee moved ahead on assessing the building. A team of architects, planners, and contractors as well as interested neighbors examined the site on Dec. 4, 2009.

The Committee also underwent a name change: We are now the Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee.

The journey has begun, and your Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee looks forward to key next steps for 2010: estimates of the costs of repairs; indentifying creative partnership opportunities; forming of a 501c3; and fundraising through the 'Not One Single City Dime' campaign.

We hope to engage every one of you in this project – together we will make it happen!

*Rachel Swanger and Sharon Commins  
Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs*