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We Need Your Help

Congressional Representatives Ted Lieu and Karen Bass have arranged a meeting with the FAA on July 8th, 2015 in Washington, D.C. concerning the Santa Monica Airport. Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown will be attending along with members from our local community surrounding the airport.

Representatives Lieu and Bass have requested a specific form to be completed by our local community members to help articulate how the Santa Monica Airport affects residents. If you are concerned about the airport, support our representatives' efforts by submitting these forms.

The casework form requires the basics—name, address, phone. It must be SIGNED and DATED (very important). Also, there is space for you to write your personal comments about the Santa Monica Airport. Please write something. Your comments can be factual, emotional, or both.

FOSP members have mentioned the following concerns over the years: worries

about safety, noise, air pollution, fumes from jet exhaust, health impacts, increasing jet traffic, recent accidents, use of leaded Avgas by prop planes flying over homes and schools, black soot on plants and patio furniture and preschool play equipment, ultrafine particles and black carbon from jet emissions, noisy helicopters hovering/circling overhead, the SMO runway is too close to homes, there are no Runway Safety Areas, student pilots practice over homes and schools, pilots using SMO have made errors and crashed their planes on the runway, off the end of the runway, on residential streets, into homes, apartment buildings, garages, backyards, golf courses, and the Webster Middle School play field. Planes take off during the voluntary curfew hours, jets land at all hours of the night and use noisy reverse thrusters. I have lived here for ___ years and I remember when....

Please use the form on the back page of this newsletter and return it by mail or FAX to the address on the form by July 1st.

Emergency Preparedness

The City of Santa Monica Office of Emergency Management will be providing Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes on August 8, 15, and 22 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. CERT is a community based group of volunteers that have completed a federally recognized training course taught by local Public Safety Personnel and First Responders. The training includes ways to assist family, friends, neighbors, and your community in small or large scale disasters. It is free and open to anyone over the age of 18 who lives or works in Santa Monica. Participants need to file an application and pass the background fingerprinting. For more information, email OEM@smgov.net or visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OEM/Programs/Santa_Monica_CERT.aspx

Water Penalties to Show Up in December

DAVID MARK SIMPSON — JUNE 11, 2015
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Do you use water? If not, disregard this article. If you do, and you get a water bill from City Hall, then you should start seeing your water use allowance.

Earlier this year, in light of the historically low rainfall totals, City Council approved a water use reduction plan that penalizes the city's heaviest users.

In short, residents and business owners have to reduce their usage over their 2013 totals by 20 percent. Residents get a baseline threshold, so as not to penalize those who were already conserving tons of water in 2013. Businesses don't get a threshold but can apply for an adjustment if they can prove they've done everything they can to reduce their usage.

After council approved its plan, Gov. Jerry Brown announced a 25-percent statewide reduction. The state assigned Santa Monica a required 20-percent reduction. The Metropolitan Water District, from which Santa Monica buys a percentage of its water, announced a required 15-percent reduction, which it then amended to a 14-percent reduction for Santa Monica.

City water officials have been watching all these agencies closely, waiting for the requirements to shake out. The dust has cleared and City Hall believes that council's plan aligns with all the extenuating requirements. As a result, the water use

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Megan Price, Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Ted Lieu
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

May 11, 2015

Re: FAA Meeting in Washington re Santa Monica Airport

Dear Ms. Price:

This responds to your e-mail advising me, a number of community members, and several city staff members, that Congressman Lieu has arranged for FAA Associate Administrator of Airports Eduardo Angeles to meet in July with City representatives, community members, and others. We appreciate the Congressman's efforts to arrange this meeting. It will afford community members an opportunity to express their concerns about the Airport and its future directly to Mr. Angeles, a senior official of the FAA. We hope that the Congressman will be able to join in the meeting; his presence will emphasize the depth of community concerns.

Your message, however, stated that the FAA has told you that it will be only in "listening mode" at the meeting. That is a serious disappointment, as it suggests that the FAA will not be prepared to engage in meaningful dialogue about community concern or possible solutions. As indicated in my letter to Representative Lieu of April 9, 2015, my goal for this meeting is frank discussion and a sincere mutual effort to solve the serious problems resulting from adverse Airport impacts. As you know, those include safety risks to residents resulting from the close proximity of both runway ends to homes; health risks resulting from aircraft emissions; and degradation of residents' quality of life by excessive noise. Our City is striving to protect its residents and neighbors. I had hoped that this meeting might help to engage the FAA as a partner in addressing the Airport's impacts. Given the gravity of this situation, the FAA's merely listening is less than satisfactory.

Nevertheless, as Mayor of Santa Monica, I will explore any opportunity that might aid in achieving our City's long-standing goals of reducing and eliminating the Airport's adverse impacts on our community. Although the circumstances are disappointingly less than optimal, I shall attend to represent the City, to participate on its behalf, and to support our residents' communicating their personal views directly to the FAA. Thank you, again, for your assistance.

Yours truly,
Kevin McKeown
Mayor of Santa Monica

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2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

I will help with:

- Airport Committee
- Annual Meeting
- Crime/Safety/Graffiti
- Emergency Preparedness
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Mailings
- Planning and Development
- Santa Monica College
- Traffic, Parking, Pedestrian Safety
- Website/Internet

Membership Dues:

- \$30 Regular Household Dues
- \$50 or \$100 for Sponsor
- \$10 Minimum Household Dues
- Additional Donation

(Please check):

- New Renewal

Please make check payable to
"Friends of Sunset Park,"
and mail to:

FOSP, P.O. Box 5823, Santa Monica, CA 90409

What I like best about living in Sunset Park: _____

My greatest concerns are: _____

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Water Penalties, cont'd from page 1

allowance (WUA) was set to start appearing on water bills on June 8.

In July, a new utility bill format will begin. And starting on Oct. 8, water use allowance penalties will start accruing. At the same time, residents and businesses will be allowed to apply for adjustments. Then, on Dec. 8, the penalties will begin showing up on bills. City officials are still working on exactly what those penalties are going to be. They'll update council in October.

"The intent of WUA penalties is to encourage high water users to cut water use, not to burden customers that are making concerted efforts to save water," city officials said in a report to council. "Therefore, penalties will be issued to customers that exceed their WUA by a significant amount, the criteria of which will be determined by staff over the next several months."

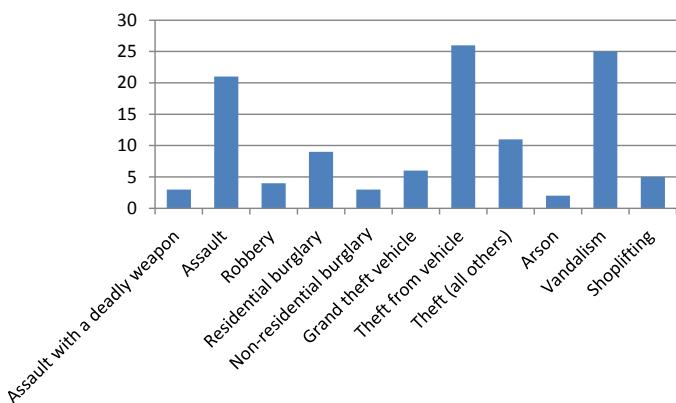
Despite the lack of penalties, water usage is already declining throughout the city this year. When compared to 2013, usage was cut by 1 percent in January, 4 percent in March and 8 percent in April. There was no reduction in February, and May totals were not available by press time.

Council's plan needs to hit a 20-percent reduction by February in order to meet the state's goal. The Metropolitan Water District is requiring its 14-percent reduction from July through the following June. Additionally, City Hall has set its own goal of a 20-percent reduction by December of 2016.

City Hall has been publicizing the cutbacks through door hangers, drought-related signage, online tools, direct letters, yard signs, Big Blue Bus ads, radio ads and messages at public gatherings.

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Sunset Park Crime Mapping April 1 thru June 15, 2015



Save the Date!

June 27: "Celebrate America" Santa Monica College

Entertainment, fireworks, and fun at Corsair Field. Gates open at 5 PM, with entertainment at 7 PM and fireworks at 9 PM (please keep dogs inside during the fireworks so they don't get scared and run away). The event is free, parking is \$5. For more information, go to www.smc.edu/CelebrateAmerica or call 310-434-3001.

July 1: "Start the Park" – 5:30 PM Airport Park, 3201 Airport Avenue

To celebrate the start of the new park at Santa Monica Airport, the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation is hosting a barbecue for the entire family.

To RSVP and for any questions, please email airport2park@gmail.com

On March 24, 2015, the City Council gave staff direction to turn twelve acres of land at Santa Monica Airport that is currently being used for aircraft "tie-downs" into parkland. The land becomes available for the City's use on July 1, when requirements in the 1984 Agreement between the City and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expire. This will triple the size of the existing Airport Park. For more information, go to <http://airport2park.org>

July 4: Santa Monica 4th of July Parade

9 AM – Main Street, from Pico to Marine

This year's theme: "Inspirational Heroes!" Additional information is posted at <http://www.opa-sm.org/>

August 4: National Night Out 6 to 8 PM – Civic Auditorium Parking Lot

National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event. It has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. The event is intended to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.



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PRIVACY RELEASE FORM

Mrs. Ms. Miss Mr.

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Residential Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Mailing Address – if different from residential _____

Telephone _____ Work Home Cell

E-mail Address _____

Regarding Santa Monica Airport and the FAA:

Please explain your concerns/problems with the airport here. (Attach additional info or documents if you wish).

By filling out this Privacy Release form, I hereby authorize my member of Congress and staff to conduct any inquiries regarding my case and to be provided with any information relating to it.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

***Mail, fax, or email form, by July 1, to Congressman Ted W. Lieu, 5055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 310,
Los Angeles, CA 90036 – Fax (323) 655-0502 – Email: Lisa.Pinto@mail.house.gov***