

**Don't forget to vote!** The City of Los Angeles municipal election will be held Tuesday, March 8.

**A good ole' fashioned ribbon cutting.** Join us for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new jogging trail around the soccer field at Mar Vista Recreation Center on March 18 at 2:00 pm.

**3rd Annual Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase.** This year's eco tour will be held Saturday, April 30 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Go to [www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com](http://www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com) for more details.

**Support Mark Twain Middle School on March 5 at 10:00 am.** Volunteers are needed to pitch in to establish a vegetable, fruit, and ornamental garden on the Mark Twain campus. Please enter the campus through the gate on Victoria between Walgrove & Beethoven. This effort is supported by a community improvement grant from MVCC.

**Want to learn more about Mar Vista green space?** Come to the MVCC Recreation and Open Space Enhancement (ROSE) committee meeting on March 2 at 7:30 pm in the craft room at Mar Vista Recreation Center.

**MVCC Education Summit 2011 on April 14 at the Mar Vista Rec. Center.** Following last year's successful summit, the MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee is proud to once more bring together parents, teachers, students, elected officials and the community as a whole at the 2011 MVCC Education Summit to help improve our community's access to quality education for our kids. The summit will feature two parts. First, Mar Vista-area schools will be invited to showcase their schools, giving parents an opportunity to meet with school representatives under one roof. Second, a diverse panel of speakers, including our LAUSD Board of Education member Steve Zimmer, will discuss reform opportunities and challenges, and how parents and the community can get involved. Please contact co-chairs Kate Anderson and Babak Nahid at [eduardts@marvista.org](mailto:eduardts@marvista.org) for more details.

**Free tax filing assistance for low income and senior citizens.** Come visit the Mar Vista Library from 12-4 pm on March 5 for assistance with your taxes. For eligibility and what to bring, please visit [www.usac.ucla.edu/vita](http://www.usac.ucla.edu/vita).

**Free SAT Math Tutoring at PenMar Park.** February 26 and March 5 from 12:30 - 2:30 pm for students 7th grade algebra to high school. Call Rick Selan at 310-396-8735 for more information. Mr. Selan is a retired Mark Twain Math Department Chair, a private math tutor, and a pro bono special education advocate for low income under-represented minority/ Title 1 youth. Students need to bring a few pencils with erasers. A scientific and/or graphic calculator is helpful, but not necessary. Registration is by call-in to Pen Mar Park and ask for " SAT Math Tutoring Program." Students will be entered and given a id number and session date. Students are welcome to bring bottled water or a drink and snack (non-messy) as there will be no break during the session.

**Refresh yourself.** The annual CERT refresher will be held March 5. Check for further details and sign-up now at [www.cert-la.com/refresher](http://www.cert-la.com/refresher).

**LAPD Pacific Spring Carnival is March 18-20.** No one parties like the boys in blue. Come show your support at 12312 Culver Blvd. LAPD is currently offering presale ride tickets for a 50% discounted price. To purchase tickets and for more info, please call (310) 202-4524. All proceeds benefit the LAPD Pacific Area Youth Programs & Station Fund.

**The Best Farmers' Market in LA.** The Mar Vista Farmers Market at Venice Blvd. and Grandview every Sunday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Every 1st Sunday features arts and crafts by our own talented Mar Vista artisans from 9:00-2:00 pm. Join us every week for delicious prepared foods, fresh organic California produce and music.

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# March 2011

send your entries to [info@marvista.org](mailto:info@marvista.org)

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**A Justin Bieber sighting?** Perhaps not, but the *Mar Vista Teen Club* offers supervised, fun activities for your teenager! Roller skating, field trips, and more. Call the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks at (310) 398-5982 for more information.

**New Green Space!** Beethoven School Kinder Park now open Saturdays from 10:00-3:00 pm located at 3711 Beethoven. Donations to keep the park open are welcome and may be made at [www.friendsofBeethoven.org](http://www.friendsofBeethoven.org).

**Mar Vista Seniors Club** meets most Fridays, 10 AM-12 noon, at the Mar Vista Recreation Center. Lots of fun. Call (310) 398-5982 for more information.

**Not a bunch of Ballona.** Ecosystem tours sponsored by the Ballona Institute [[ballonainstitute.org](http://ballonainstitute.org)]. Learn about our relationship to this wonderful local resource.

**Come Sound Off.** Your Mar Vista Community Council meets the second Tuesday (this March 8) of every month at the Mar Vista Recreation Center at 7:00 pm. Meeting agenda and details available at [marvista.org](http://marvista.org).

**The Mar Vista Historical Society** sponsoring Walking Tours: Ocean Park Heights [Mar Vista Hill] & Mormon Hill on Saturdays at 10:00 am *by appointment only*. Sign up at the MVCC booth at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market, or contact Mark Crawford at (310) 398-2136 or e-mail [dacraw1@gmail.com](mailto:dacraw1@gmail.com) for more info.