



BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

# Michelle on the Move

# EVENTS 411

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## Michelle Is Not Above Bribing You

Hello Members! Welcome back to Events 411. As you may know (at least I hope most of you do), ClubFest is coming back in October – Sunday, Oct. 1.

For those who have no idea what ClubFest is all about – it's our huge annual picnic event where City employees come together and enjoy a day of fun, all-you-can eat food, live music from bands that include City employees, and tons of awesome raffle prizes! This year the Club is limiting attendance to 1,500 people, so if you don't buy your tickets soon, you'll be out of luck. Also, the first 100 Member tickets sold receive an extra raffle ticket.

However, I'll make this event more interesting for those of you smart Club Members who read my article. The first 10 members who e-mail me with the answer to the following question will receive an extra (2) raffle tickets for the member raffle. All you have to do is tell me the year and location of the first ClubFest. E-mail me at michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com and make sure you include your name, Member ID and mailing address. Deadline is Sept. 1.

Now that I'm done bribing you, it's time to discuss other cool events going on. The cultural festivals are back again! Yes, there are festivals celebrating the African, Greek, Japanese and Philippine cultures, so if you're interested in learning more about the history of these people, I suggest you attend one of these events. If you attend the Greek festival, make sure you try the gyros (pronounced Yer-ro) – they're delicious!

If you live in Orange County, Sept. 1 will bring the start of their month-long Festival of Children that includes activities, shows, workshops and lots of great fun for the family. Please visit the festival Website for information: www.festivalofchildren.org.

Lastly, if you are a fan of the theatre, our friends at Center Theatre Group are offering our members some great savings for their shows at the Mark Taper Forum, Ahmanson and Kirk Douglas Theatre (in Culver City). If there is a show that you are interested in, please call them at (213) 972-7231 and let them know that you're with the City Employees Club. They have a great season coming up! Personally, I am very excited to see Matthew Bourne's version of Edward Scissorhands, coming in December. I saw his version of Swan Lake and was completely blown away. I definitely won't miss this show.

That's it from me. Thanks for reading and be sure to e-mail me with the correct answer to our ClubFest question. If you need some help, then feel free to ask one of our staff members for the answer (except me, of course). I'm sure they'll be glad to assist.

If you know of any events occurring in the Los Angeles/Orange County area or have any opinions or suggestions on the events listed, please send them in: michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

For more information about events around Los Angeles, visit these websites:

- www.culturela.org
- www.experiencela.com
- www.la.com
- www.laparks.org
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
- www.laweekly.com
- www.olvera-street.com
- www.whatsonwhen.com
- http://beaches.co.la.ca.us

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at: MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me at (800) 464-0452.

## August

### Family Activities at the Autry National Center

Want a fun and educational experience for the kids? The Autry National Center has several family activities that are not only fun, but educational. Check the Website for more information.

Date(s): Vary  
Time(s): Vary  
Site: Southwest Museum of the American Indian Museum Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: \$7.50/adults, \$5/students, seniors, \$3/children (2-12) AAA discount available.  
More info: (323) 667-2000 or www.autrynationalcenter.org; click on About us > Arts and Culture

### Grand Performances

Enjoy some really cool award-winning music, dance and film performances free during lunch or under the beautiful downtown L.A. night sky. Call for visit the Website for a schedule.

Date(s): Thru October  
Time: Fridays: Noon and 8 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 p.m.  
Site: California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

### Fourth Annual Santa Monica Drive-In at the Pier

Are you in the mood to watch a film by the beach? "Located on the decks of the historic Santa Monica Pier, these events have an unmistakable nostalgic feel, with the sea air and bustling boardwalk creating the perfect atmosphere for these events." (Website)

Date(s): Tuesdays thru Sept. 26  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Site: Santa Monica Pier  
Cost: Free, but tickets are required for seating. Tickets must be picked up  
More info: www.smff.com/smdi



### Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

Enjoy a series of free concerts held at Pershing Square during your lunchtime or on a Sunday afternoon.

Date(s): Through late Sept.  
Time: Tues.-Thurs. noon – 2 p.m.  
Third Sunday of each month: 3 – 5 p.m.  
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive Street, Downtown L.A.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

### Water and Power at the Mark Taper Forum

"A hard-working Chicano father with the DWP nicknames his twin sons Water and Power, and emboldens them to take the world by its reins... Years later Water is an ambitious state senator. Power is a top-ranking lieutenant with the LAPD. The brothers soon find themselves at opposite ends of an abuse-of-power city scandal, on its way to crisis..." (Website)

Date: Through Sept. 17  
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Sundays)  
Site: 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.  
Cost: \$30 - \$55  
Club Code: 6697  
More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.com

### Curtains at the Ahmanson Theatre

"... a backstage murder mystery and musical comedy set in the 1950s Boston. After the leading lady's mystifying curtain call demise, Frank Cioffi (David Hyde Pierce), homicide detective and musical theatre aficionado, is on the case! He's got a tough job as the bodies pile up, the ensemble dwindles, and everyone is a suspect. And that second act needs work! Can Cioffi solve the murders and save the show before it reaches Broadway?" (Website)

Date: Through Sept. 10  
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2 and 7:30 p.m. (Sundays)  
Site: Ahmanson Theatre, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.  
Cost: \$20 - \$95  
Club Code: 6697  
More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.com

### Culver City Summer Sunset Music Festival

Looking for something to do for free on a Thursday night? If so, then attend one of the many wonderful live concerts held in Culver City, from: swing, salsa, rock 'n' roll, bluegrass, Cajun to world music and much more!

Date(s): Through Sept. 7  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Site: Culver City Hall Courtyard, 9770 Culver Blvd.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (310) 253-5698 or www.culvercitymusic.org

### Marvel Superheroes Science Exhibition at the California Science Center

"Step into the incredible Marvel Comic Universe! Come face to face with your favorite superheroes and villains! Explore the science and power within Marvel's magnificent characters by engaging in exciting interactive experiences. Learn about the remarkable achievements of current science and technology – achievements that in many ways give us special powers we dream of through the comics – while living the fantasy of your favorite Marvel superhero." (Website)

Date(s): Through Sept. 4  
Time: 9:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Site: Exposition Park, 700 State Dr., Los Angeles  
Cost: \$9.75/adults, \$7.75/kids (4-12), \$8.75/seniors, students  
More info: (323) SCI-ENCE or www.californiasciencecenter.org

### Movies in the Park – Long Beach

"Family-oriented movies shown under the stars on a 29-foot inflatable screen will be featured at local parks. We'll supply the popcorn and drinks – you bring your own lawn chair or blankets, family and friends and settle to enjoy the fun." (Website)

Date(s): Through Sept. 1  
Time: Dusk  
Site: Vary; call or visit Website  
Cost: Free  
More info: (562) 570-3100 or www.longbeach.gov

### Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach

"Every evening, teams of people are involved in recreating exact tableaux and live re-enactments of both classical and contemporary paintings. An outdoor amphitheatre, a professional orchestra playing an original score, intricate sets and hundreds of dedicated volunteers make this a truly eye-catching spectacle." (Office Website)

Date: Through Sept. 1  
Time: Mon – Sun: Shows begin at 8:30 p.m.  
Site: 650 Laguna Canyon Rd.  
Cost: \$15 - \$150  
More info: (800) 487-3378 or www.foapom.com

### Farmer's Market Thursday Evening Jazz and Friday Night Special

"Our Thursday Evening Jazz series features some of the best singers and musicians working, covering the full spectrum of cool music - standards, bossa nova, new wave, world beat, fusion and straight ahead jazz."

"Our Friday Night Special brings some of the best musicians and bands we've heard back to the Market. We hope you will join us for great rock, swing, jazz and blues at the Market all summer long." (Website)

Date(s): Through September  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Site: West Patio, 6333 West Third St. Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: www.farmersmarketla.com

### Cinespia at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery

"Every Saturday in the summer, Hollywood Forever Cemetery opens its gates ... as diners munch and DJs play retro tunes ... the cemetery's makeshift movie screen. The films screened are a mix of classic and cult" (LA.com)

Date(s): Saturdays  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Site: 6000 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Cost: \$10 donation  
More info: www.cinespia.org

### Free Concerts at the Levitt Pavilion in Pasadena

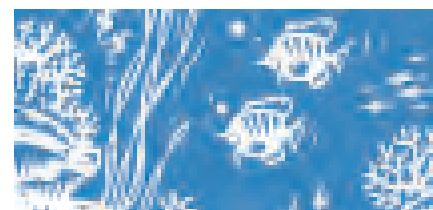
Five days out of the week you can enjoy great free concerts under the Pasadena night sky. Call or visit Website for performance listings.

Date(s): Through Sept. 3  
Time: Wed: Children's night – 7 p.m.  
Thur: World Rhythms – 7 p.m.  
Fri: Dance Beat – 8 p.m.  
Sat: Musica Latina – 8 p.m.  
Sun: Jazz – 7 p.m.  
Site: 85 East Holly St., Pasadena  
Cost: Free  
More Info: (626) 683-3230 or http://levittpavilionpasadena.org

### 75th Long Beach International Sea Festival

The City of Long Beach is providing two months of great fun for everyone. There are events ranging from Chinese Dragon Boat Races, Moonlight Movies on the Beach, to Fishing Rodeos and a Tiki Festival. Call for visit the website for a listing of events.

Date: Through Aug. 26  
Time: Vary  
Site: Vary  
Cost: Vary  
More info: (562) 570-8920 or www.longbeach.gov



### Rancho Afternoons and Summer Concert Series at Rancho Los Cerritos

If you're looking for an activity for the family, then attend Rancho Afternoons or the Summer Concert Series. Ranch Afternoons is a hands-on activity for kids and includes games and stories (reservations are required.)

Date: Rancho Afternoons: Aug. 3, 10  
Concert: Aug. 13, 24  
Time: 2 – 4 p.m. (Rancho Afternoons) 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Concert)  
Site: 4600 Virginia Rd., Long Beach  
Cost: \$3 suggested donation for Ranch Afternoons  
More Info: (562) 570-1755 or www.rancholoscerritos.org



### Regal Entertainment: Free Family Film Festival

Bring the kids and enjoy a family film free at participating Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and Edwards Theatres.

Date: Through August (varies by location)  
Time: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
Site: Various venues. Call your local movie theatre or see website for location and movie information.  
Cost: Free  
More info: www.regalcinemas.com and click on "free family film festival"

### Ninth Annual Pico Rivera Summer Concerts in the Park

Need something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Then stop by Smith Park, where you can enjoy live music, food, raffles and free art activities.

Date(s): Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31  
Time: 5 – 7 p.m.  
Site: 6016 Rosemead Blvd.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (562) 801-4430 or www.pico-rivera.org

### 22nd Annual Santa Monica Twilight Dance Series

Need something to do on a Thursday night? If so, head to the Santa Monica Pier, where you can enjoy a free concert and get down and boogie. Enjoy music from rock and reggae to folk and world music.

Date(s): Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31  
Time: Begins 7:30 p.m.  
Site: Santa Monica Pier  
Cost: Free  
More info: (310) 458-8900 or www.twilightdance.org

### Bellflower Summer Streetfest

"... downtown summertime street celebration featuring live music ... features country, salsa, Latin, pop, R&B, surf and classic rock tunes and includes a farmers market, food vendors, art and craft vendors, art exhibits, street performers and activities for kids." (Website)

Date(s): Aug. 10, 17, 24  
Time: 6 – 9 p.m.  
Site: Downtown Bellflower  
Cost: Free  
More info: (562) 804-1424 or www.bellflower.org

### Sizzling Summer Nights at the Museum of the American West

"The hottest Thursdays in town return ... Bring your friends for music and dancing, plus a visit to the museum, all for \$5 per person. Admission is free for Autry National Center members. Food and beverages are available for purchase." (Website)

Date(s): Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31  
Time: 6 – 9 p.m.  
Site: 4700 Western Heritage Way  
Cost: \$5  
More Info: (323) 221-2164 or http://autrynationalcenter.org

### Bellflower's Movies Under the Stars

"Movies Under the Stars livens up the City's Town Center Civic Plaza every Friday evening this summer. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are welcome, but alcohol, glass containers and pets are not allowed. On-site vendors sell food and beverages." (Website) Movie list available online.

Date(s): Aug. 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Site: Downtown Bellflower, between Oak and Belmont  
Cost: Free  
More info: (562) 804-1424 or www.bellflower.org

### One Colorado's Summer Music Festival

This year's theme is "Ladies Sing the Blues." If you're looking for a free concert to listen to during the weekend, then make sure you head to Old Town Pasadena.

Date: Aug. 11, 18, 19, 25, 26  
Time: 9 p.m.  
Site: One Colorado Courtyard, between Fair Oaks and Colorado, and Delacey and Union  
Cost: Free  
More info: (626) 564-1066 or www.onecolorado.com

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