



NORTH OF MONTANA ASSOCIATION  
A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

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# Concerned About Crime? Come Meet the New Chief of Police!

In December, Santa Monica hired a new Police Chief, Timothy Jackman, formerly the Deputy Chief for the City of Long Beach.

**Chief Jackman will be the guest speaker at NOMA's next membership meeting in late February, and will talk about crime trends in our neighborhood and answer your questions.**

Please check the NOMA web site for the exact date, time and location ([www.smnoma.org](http://www.smnoma.org)). We hope to see you there!

Residents have expressed concern that there appears to be a rash of burglaries and other crimes occurring in the neighborhood. In order to get a better idea of the crime that happens in a typical month, NOMA contacted the Police Department for recent crime statistics. Here is what was reported to the Police for the month of December in our neighborhood:

- **5 Burglaries** usually occurring at night and entering without force (e.g., through an unlocked door, window, etc.)
- **4 Property Vandalism**
- **2 Malicious Mischief to Vehicles**
- **2 Identity Thefts**
- **4 Vehicle Burglaries**

To receive special crime alerts and notices, please contact Officer Ana Montalvo at [anamontalvo@smgov.net](mailto:anamontalvo@smgov.net).

And remember, always report any crime or suspicious activity to the Police Department – they can't help if we don't call. **The number for the dispatch/communications center is 310-458-8491.**

## NOMA Membership & Renewal Application

Annual membership fees are \$25; lifetime membership fees are \$150. Fees are tax deductible. Each membership comprises a family or group of persons at the same mailing address. All of our income is from membership fees and related donations. All income goes directly to expenses, mainly costs of printing newsletters and insurance. All work is performed by volunteers.

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Please return membership form and dues in the postage paid reply envelope enclosed. **Don't forget to include your e-mail address.** To find out if your membership has lapsed, email [noma@smnoma.org](mailto:noma@smnoma.org).

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## News Briefs FOR YOUR ATTENTION

### Neighborhood Council Update

Representatives from several Santa Monica neighborhood groups met on January 27th at the Ken Edwards Center for the first Neighborhood Council meeting of 2007. The neighborhood groups in attendance – NOMA, Wilshire-Montana, Pico Neighborhood Association and Ocean Park Association – shared common concerns from their members about traffic, parking, vagrancy, overbuilding and having a voice at City Hall.

The Neighborhood Council will focus on strengthening its collective voice in 2007 and ensuring that the City values and listens to the input of Santa Monica's citizens. The Council has established a website to serve as a point of communication for residents to identify concerns and come up with resident-friendly solutions. Log onto their website at <http://www.sm4residents.net>.

The Neighborhood Council always welcomes interested residents. The next meeting will be held on February 24th at the Ken Edwards Center (time TBA).

### Use Your Pooper Scooper!

A friendly reminder to please keep the neighborhood clean and pick up after your dog. If you forgot to bring a "doggie bag," Lilli of the Valley has generously provided tree house bag stations around our neighborhood. Please remind your nannies, housekeepers, and dog walkers to clean up as well so we can avoid environmental and health hazards.

# Development Updates

In our 2006 neighborhood-wide survey, a majority of you said your biggest concerns were overdevelopment and losing the character of our neighborhood. The following are two pending developments that many residents have expressed concern about.

#### **Teriton Apartments 130 San Vicente**

The Santa Monica Landmarks Commission recently voted to recommend landmarking this mid-century courtyard apartment complex, stating that it met all 6 criteria for a city landmark. The owners of the apartment complex hope that City Council will ignore the Landmarks Commission's recommendation and grant them an exemption to tear down the Teriton apartments.

The owner has stated he wants to build 38 condo units and possible other facilities such as a temple and child care center, and would petition the city to increase the height limit of the R2 zoned lot. Contact Louis Scaduto at [louis@vel.net](mailto:louis@vel.net) for more information.

#### **423 Ocean Avenue**

The Landmarks Commission voted unanimously in favor of landmarking this courtyard apartment, and both the City staff report and PCR Services report prepared for the commission hearing state that the apartment building meets several criteria in favor of landmarking. One of the buildings was designed by architect William E. Foster, the same architect who designed the Shangri-La (down the street).

The owners of the property are appealing the Landmarks

Commission's decision to City Council, as they plan to build 41 condo units. Visit [www.preserveocean.com](http://www.preserveocean.com).

## Make Your Voice Heard at City Hall

Are you concerned about crime? Homelessness? Traffic? Parking? Overdevelopment? Then let our City Councilmembers hear from you! Send them an e-mail at [council@smgv.net](mailto:council@smgv.net). For a complete listing of all Councilmembers go to [www.smgov.net/cityclerk/council](http://www.smgov.net/cityclerk/council).

## Who We Are

NOMA is a non-profit volunteer group of residents working to improve life in our neighborhood and in Santa Monica. NOMA is bounded by Montana Ave., Ocean Ave., the northern City Limits and 26th St., an area comprising approximately 5,200 homes.

NOMA has no agenda of issues or established position on any issue, except as defined by a majority of residents in the area, nor do we endorse any candidate(s) for political office.

## NOMA Board Members

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