

North of Montana

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About this publication

This publication was produced by local Realtor Kate Bransfield to keep the North of Montana neighborhood up to date on some of the more interesting happenings in this unique corner of Santa Monica. As a Santa Monican for over 22 years, Kate takes pride in being a part of this vibrant community.

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Happy Halloween!

By KATE BRANSFIELD

The costumes, the candy, the fun. It's Halloween and what better way to celebrate than staying close to home, getting dressed up as your favorite ghoul or goblin and doing a little trick-or-treating.

North of Montana we're fortunate to live in a safe neighborhood that's inviting to families. It's the type of place where heading out with the little ones to scare up some treats is ideal on this fun, spooky holiday.

Safety first

Halloween is a special time of year for both children and adults.

To help parents make this Halloween the safest ever, the Santa Monica Police Department offers the following "safety tips" to ensure a "howling" good time for all.



- Try to trick-or-treat while there is still sunlight outside.
- Wear a costume that makes it easier for you to walk, see and be seen.
- If you must be out at night, make sure

that your costume is light in color.

- Carry a flashlight with you, so you can see and be seen easily.
- Use reflective tape on your costume to be seen easily.

- Use makeup instead of a mask.
- A mask may keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before crossing the street.
- If someone older cannot go with you, trick-or-treat with a group.
- Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time. Pick well-lit streets. Tell your family which streets you will be on.
- Cross only at street corners — never cross between parked cars or mid-block.
- Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your treats.
- Parents should help children check all candy. Unwrapped or unsealed candy should not be eaten.

— Courtesy the Santa Monica Police Department



North of Montana Single Family Homes Sold Year To Date - 2010 Compared To 2011 From ALL agents in ALL companies

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	TOTAL	AVERAGE
2010											
Number of Listings	4	2	3	10	7	7	7	7	7	54	6
Average Days on the Market	90	13	69	27	43	37	33	53	71	436	48
Low Price	\$1,452,000	\$1,815,000	\$930,000	\$1,749,000	\$1,920,000	\$2,026,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,689,000	\$1,650,000	\$15,031,000	\$1,670,111
Median Price	\$1,917,500	\$2,056,500	\$2,340,000	\$2,662,500	\$2,556,000	\$3,195,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,667,500	\$2,390,000	\$22,085,000	\$2,453,889
High Price	\$2,795,000	\$2,298,000	\$2,675,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,517,000	\$4,190,000	\$2,700,000	\$3,650,000	\$7,350,000	\$33,175,000	\$3,686,111
Average Price Per Square Ft	\$814	\$762	\$742	\$716	\$780	\$732	\$859	\$792	\$772	\$6,969	\$774
2011											
Number of Listings	4	2	8	4	4	4	10	8	5	49	5
Average Days on the Market	70	114	57	176	72	22	19	71	24	625	69
Low Price	\$1,925,000	\$2,825,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,493,000	\$1,278,000	\$1,747,050	\$1,650,000	\$1,865,000	\$1,730,000	\$15,613,050	\$1,734,783
Median Price	\$2,704,654	\$4,152,500	\$2,635,000	\$2,780,000	\$1,802,500	\$3,132,625	\$2,640,000	\$2,432,750	\$2,580,403	\$24,860,432	\$2,762,270
High Price	\$3,243,000	\$5,480,000	\$4,030,650	\$4,445,000	\$11,650,000	\$3,999,388	\$4,984,000	\$3,335,000	\$3,695,000	\$44,862,038	\$4,984,671
Average Price Per Square Ft	\$682	\$959	\$772	\$691	\$986	\$934	\$748	\$768	\$889	\$7,429	\$825

*To prevent skewing of the numbers, these stats do not include the sale of a property on Adelaide for \$11,650,000

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Third Annual Halloween Hop

Oct. 31

3 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Kids of all ages will enjoy trick-or-treating all along Montana Avenue, plus all kinds of fun, spooky activities for kids including face painting, temporary tattoos, fortune telling, a doggie costume contest, and of course lots of candy!

Many stores will also showcase special Halloween artwork in their windows created by local kids.

For more information, visit www.montanaave.com.

Montana Library events

The Montana Branch Library is so much more than just a library. It offers free Internet access and is a meeting place for the North of Montana neighborhood. The library is located at 1704 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, Ca., 90403. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

Below are some of the more interesting happenings going on at the library in October:

Oct. 26

Baby Time

10:15 a.m. — 10:35 a.m.

Story time for babies up to 18 months old. There will be a second edition of this event at 11:15 a.m.

Oct. 27

Preschool Story Time

11:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.

Stories for kids ages 3-5 every Thursday morning.

Oct. 31

Trick-or-Treat @ Your Library

Library hours

Come in costume and receive a spooky prize. There will be treats while supplies last. For kids and teens only.

Oct. 31

Classic Film and Discussion Series:

'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde'

2 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.

Catch a screening of the classic tale about a scientist and his alter-ego. Followed by a discussion with film scholar Vivian Rosenberg.

School calendar for North of Montana

Lincoln Middle School

1501 California Ave.
Santa Monica, CA. 90403-4305
(310) 393-9227
www.lincoln.smmusd.org

Oct. 27

Coffee with the Principal

8:45 a.m.

Learn more about Lincoln's principal during this meet-and-greet. A school tour follows at 9 a.m.

Oct. 28

Halloween Carnival

5 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Current students are invited to this fun day filled with activities. Remember to wear a costume.

Roosevelt Elementary School

801 Montana Ave.
Santa Monica, CA. 90403-1591
(310) 395-1472
www.roosevelt.smmusd.org

Oct. 31

Halloween Parade

Remember to wear a costume for this spooky event.

Franklin Elementary School

2400 Montana Ave.
Santa Monica, CA. 90403-2199
(310) 828-2814
www.franklin.smmusd.org

Oct. 24-28

Red Ribbon Week

Everybody should wear red ribbons during this school-wide event.

Oct. 29

Franklin Carnival

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The school will be holding its annual carnival complete with treats and loads of fun. Remember to wear a costume, Halloween is right around the corner.



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