

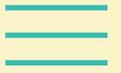
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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW POLICE CHIEF

## CYNTHIA RENAUD

**H**ello, Santa Monica! Thank you in advance for taking a moment to read this note of brief introduction. My name is Cynthia Renaud and I am honored to serve as your police chief. From the outset of my conversations with many people here, it has been clear that this position comes with both tremendous opportunity and great responsibility. Throughout my 27-year career, I have been part of hard-working teams that have truly made differences in people's lives by lowering crime and improving overall quality of life. These teams were not comprised of just police department staff, but of many city department staff coming together to listen to, and work collaboratively with, community members. This collaboration is the necessary ingredient for success, because it is the community who truly holds the intrinsic knowledge so vital to understanding what motivates their neighborhoods and how the Police Department can partner to make them safer. For me, this has become a winning formula and I am energized to repeat it here in Santa Monica.

I look forward to working with the outstanding members of the Santa Monica Police Department to build on our city's legacy as a safe, vibrant and diverse place where anything is possible. I know members of our police department have deep and established relationships with many in this community already, and please know that I will be working to do the same and become part of the fabric of Santa Monica. I won't be able to achieve that, though, without your help. I won't be able to understand your community and your neighborhoods without first meeting



you, hearing from you, listening to your experiences and ideas, and working alongside you to meet the biggest challenges currently facing us: reducing crime and the impacts of homelessness.

In meeting many of my new colleagues and knowing well our police department's reputation for excellence, I am confident that working together as a community, we are poised to do great things and make an impact on these tough, pressing issues.

Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, my predecessor, was a trailblazer in this profession. For those of you who know her, I don't have to mention her intelligence, her experience in this field, or her passion for public safety and serving others. This opportunity to build on her good work and leadership is a true honor.

My family and I look forward to contributing to the vibrancy of this community, and I look forward to meeting all of you! If I don't see you at an upcoming community meeting or function, I hope you will come out to National Night Out on August 7th so we can say "hello" in person!

**"I am confident that working together as a community, we are poised to do great things and make an impact on these tough, pressing issues."**

**Cynthia Renaud**  
SANTA MONICA CHIEF OF POLICE

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICER

**T**he Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) program exemplifies community-oriented policing in its truest form. The City is divided into four distinct patrol areas (beats), each with a dedicated officer assigned to the beat to address

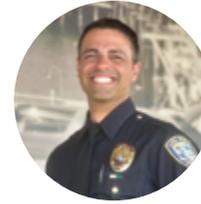
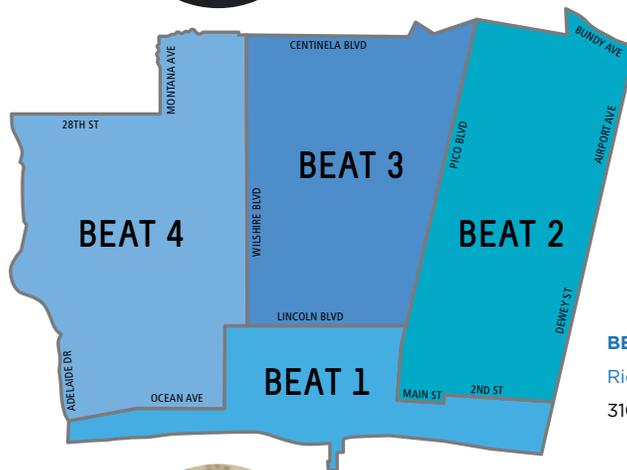
community livability issues. The goal of the NRO program is to quickly identify community issues, concerns, problems and crime trends which have long-term quality-of-life issues. The NRO coordinates resources to help solve these problems.



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## NEW CHANGES IMPLEMENTED

**T**he Santa Monica Police Department is committed to fighting crime and ensuring that our residents feel safe in their homes, on our streets, in our neighborhoods and business districts. In light of an increase in overall crime, the Santa Monica Police Department implemented a few changes:

- An increase in visibility of uniformed personnel.
- Newly instituted operational protocols, giving management and supervisory staff additional resources to immediately address the areas of the City most impacted by crime.
- Daily evaluation of the need to reallocate and add additional resources.

Your partnership is essential to help SMPD provide you with safety and security. Here are a few things YOU can do:

- Contact your area Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) or Crime Prevention Coordinator in our Community Affairs Unit with any questions.
- Visit SMPD's website at [santamonicapd.org](http://santamonicapd.org), and social media platforms for the most up-to-date information, or visit CrimeMapping.com, which provides updated information about crime activity in your neighborhood.
- Sign up for SMAAlerts at [smalerts.org](http://smalerts.org) for real-time, accurate information on significant crime, traffic or fire issues.

Please contact the Police Dispatch if there is suspicious activity going on, at 310.458.8491. If there's an emergency, call 9-1-1.

# UNDERSTANDING SANTA MONICA'S CRIME PICTURE

**C**rime is up in Santa Monica and we want to address your concerns. The City is committed to public safety and providing you with the highest quality of service, protection and transparency. Below, you will find data including the number of arrests and citations, the types of crime committed, and an in-depth look into Part 1 crimes. Tracking crime data allows the police department to adjust strategies and allocate the appropriate amount of resources to better serve you. We are actively hearing from you, and we appreciate that. The total numbers of service calls we received were **121,205 in 2017**, including self-initiated responses from police officers. On average, we are addressing **340 calls** a day.



## Key Definitions:

**PART 1 CRIMES** - Serious crimes are broken into two categories: violent and property crimes.

**Violent Crimes** - Aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, robbery

**Non-violent Property Crimes** - Arson, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft

**FELONY** - The most serious types of crimes, which are usually defined by the fact that they are punishable by prison sentences of greater than one year.

**MISDEMEANOR** - A lesser crime punishable by a fine and/or county jail time for up to one year. Misdemeanors are distinguished from felonies, which can be punished by a state prison term. They are tried in the lowest local court such as municipal, police or justice courts.

**LARCENY** - Theft of personal property

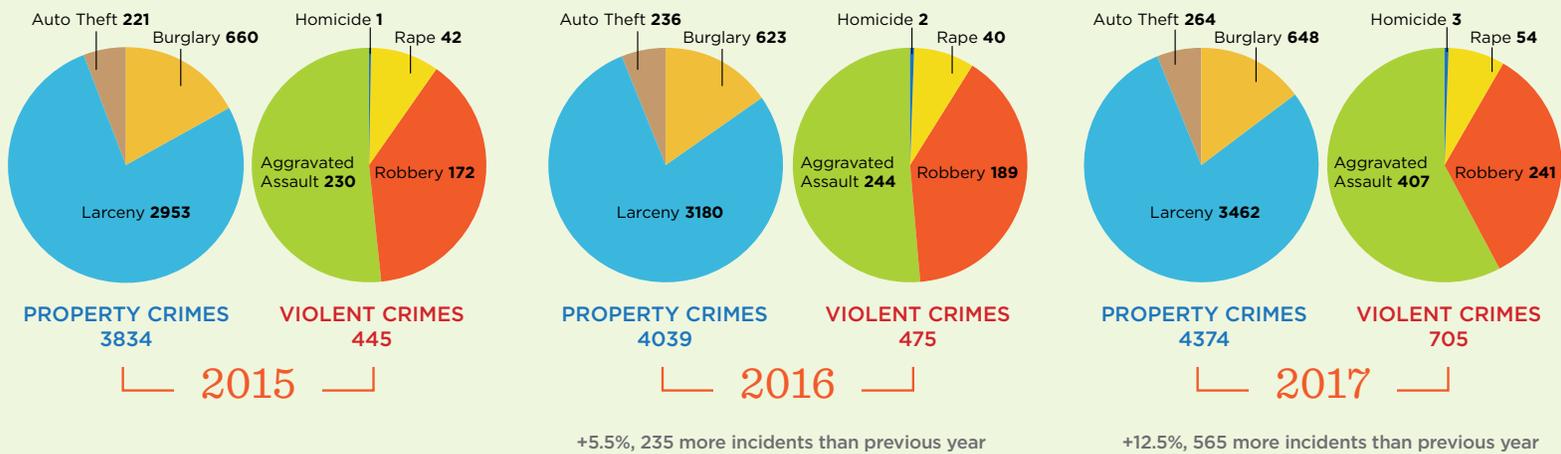
**CITATION** - A ticket issued by the police, such as a traffic ticket. They are preventative measures for future accidents and risks.

**Infraction** - A violation of an administrative regulation, an ordinance, a municipal code, and, in some jurisdictions, a state or local traffic rule. Sometimes called a "petty offense."

**Traffic** - A moving violation, such as exceeding the speed limit, or a non-moving violation, such as a parking violation.

## A Breakdown of Part 1 Crimes (2015-2017)

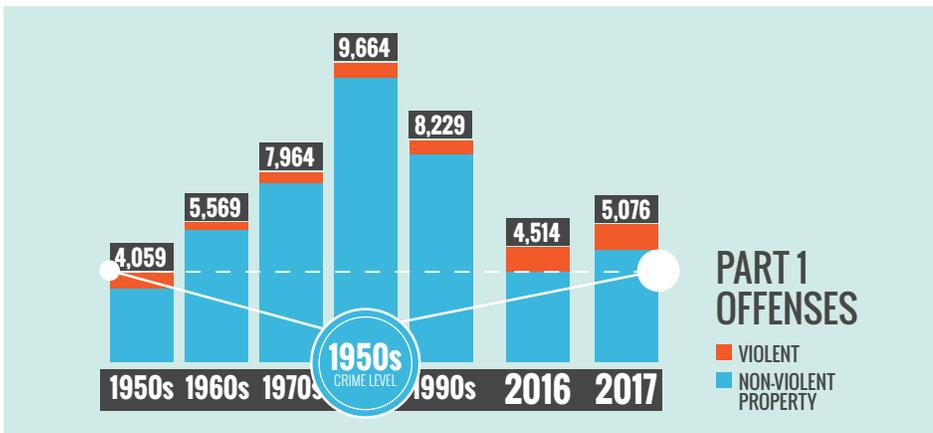
THE MAJORITY OF PART 1 CRIMES ARE PROPERTY-RELATED CRIMES AND NOT VIOLENT



## NUMBER OF ARRESTS (2015-2017)

While we are seeing an overall increase in arrests, it's important to note that the majority of arrests are misdemeanors.

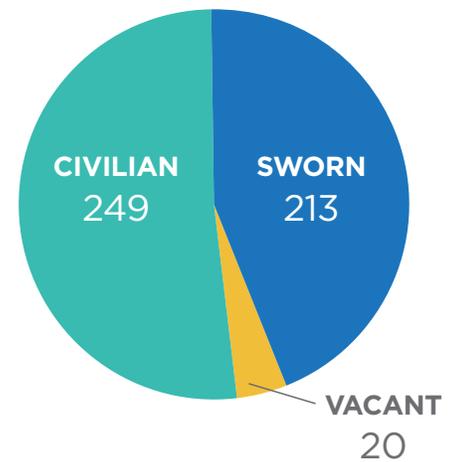
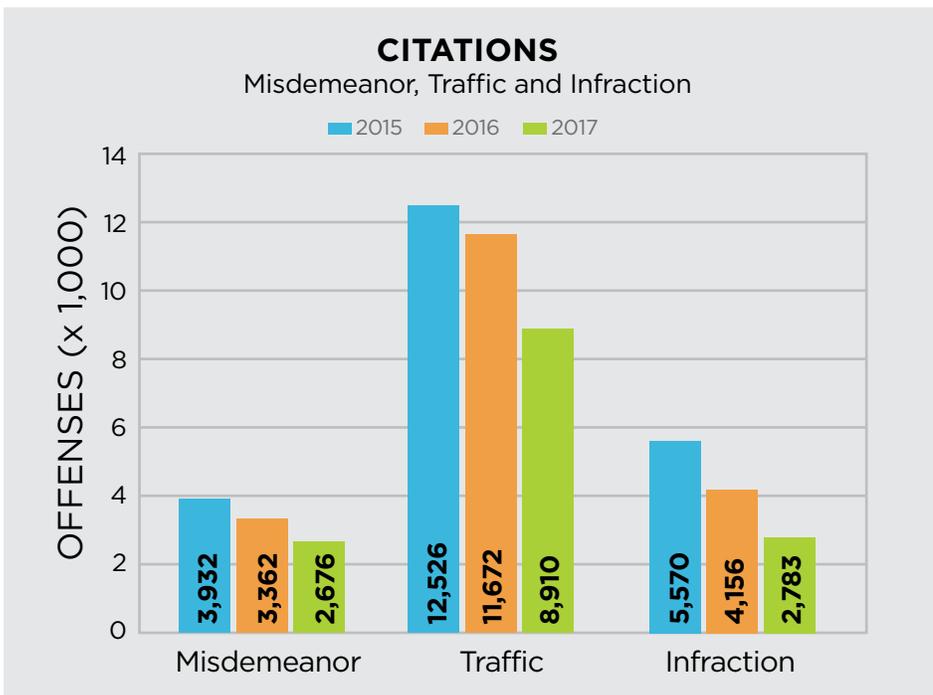
ARRESTS	2015	2016	% Increase 2015 v 2016	2017	% Increase 2016 v 2017
Felony Arrests (# of Incidents)	930	942	1.3%	1063	12.8%
Felony Arrests (# of Charges)	1809	1969	8.8%	2080	5.6%
Misdemeanor Arrests (# of Incidents)	2477	2422	-2.2%	2508	3.6%
Misdemeanor Arrests (# of Charges)	5097	4934	-3.2%	5025	1.8%
Warrant Arrests (# of Incidents)	621	599	-3.5%	616	2.8%
Warrant Arrests (# of Charges)	1496	1203	-19.6%	1201	-0.2%
3056 PC Arrests	118	101	-14.4%	118	16.8%
290 PC Arrests	35	29	-17.1%	24	-17.2%
23152 VC Arrests	199	198	-0.5%	160	-19.2%
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### Sworn and Civilian Totals

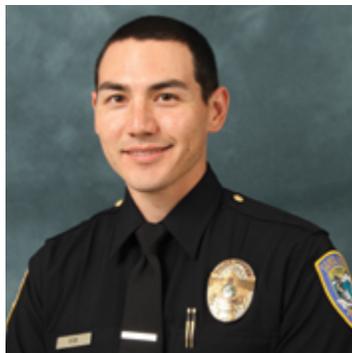
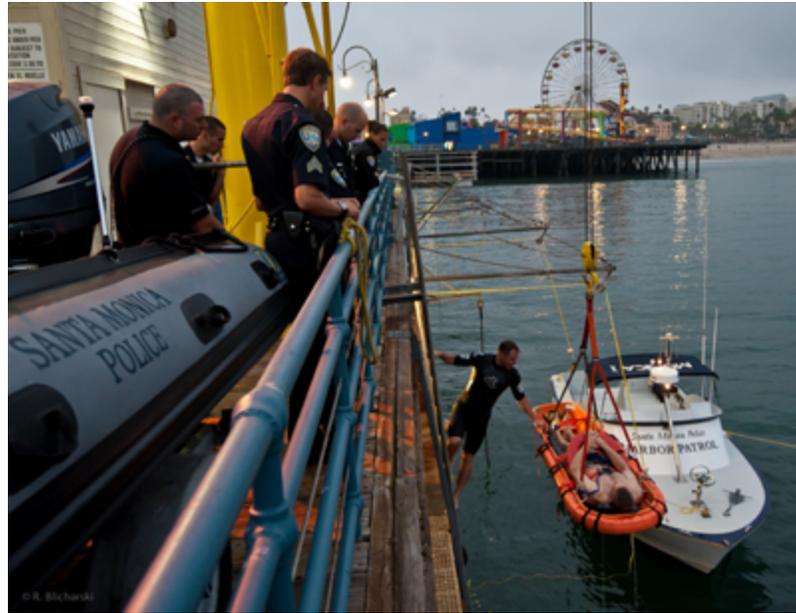
**Sworn** staff are graduates of the Police Academy and rank from Police Officer Trainee to Chief.

**Civilian** (un-sworn) staff are support staff, including traffic service officers, animal control officers, park rangers, etc.



# PROTECT, SERVE, JOIN

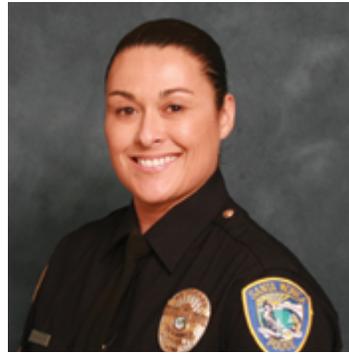
**B**eing a Police Officer is a job that comes with a tremendous amount of responsibility and dedication. Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) takes the selection process very seriously and has long set a standard of providing excellent public service with the highest level of professionalism. The application and hiring process includes a written examination, physical fitness test, an oral interview, background investigation, and a physiological and medical examination. But it's worth it! We asked a few SMPD officers to talk about their experience in the field, what they love about their jobs, and their most memorable moments. For more information on the hiring process, go to [santamonicapd.org](http://santamonicapd.org).



**Bryan Kim,**  
Morning Watch  
Officer  
PATROL DIVISION

“Becoming a D.A.R.E. Officer was important to me because I grew up in Santa Monica and I want to have a positive impact on kids in the community, the same way SMPD Officers did for me when I was growing

up. SMPD Officers strive to provide high-quality customer service and help solve a wide range of issues in the community, while keeping the public and fellow officers safe.”



**Candice Cobarrubias,**  
Lieutenant  
TRAFFIC SERVICES  
DIVISION

“It takes passion, empathy, ambition and an overall desire to do something rewarding, not to mention the ability to have fun. The people that I work with are like family. Not every day is the same. One of my most memorable moments was

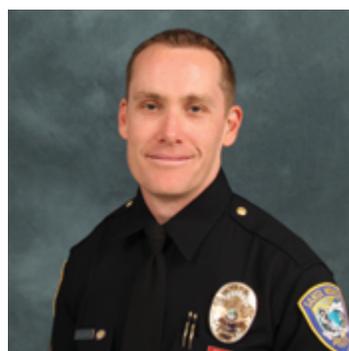
writing a search warrant for a puppy who was stolen during a residential burglary. The puppy was thrown onto the roof by the suspect, and our team of detectives ran to save the puppy before it fell off the building!”



**Matthew Lieb,**  
Motorcycle Officer  
TRAFFIC SERVICES  
DIVISION

“I get to ride a motorcycle for work, how cool is that! In this position, I truly believe I am making a difference by removing drunk drivers from the roadways while providing education and enforcement along

the way. Being on a motorcycle in our City is amazing. Not only do I get to focus on the proactive enforcement related to traffic, but can also be on the scene quickly when needed.”



**Evan Raleigh,**  
Day Watch Officer  
FIELD TRAINING  
DIVISION

“Being an SMPD officer requires innovative thinking, physical fitness, patience and the ability to communicate openly with an extremely diverse community. I love the problem-solving aspect of my

job. As a first responder, it is humbling to work as part of a select group that responds to people in need.”



# SANTA MONICA FIREFIGHTERS SPOTLIGHT

**M** Meet Santa Monica Firefighters Luis Echagarruga and Aurora Skarra-Gallagher. Both have gone through the rigorous process of testing, hiring and training to become fulltime firefighters with the Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD). We sat down with them to learn more about their backgrounds and what it takes to be a Santa Monica firefighter.

## Q: TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND.

**LUIS ECHAGARRUGA:** I was in the military and served in the United States Navy for 20 years. The first three years, I worked as an engineman (mechanic) for the ships. The other 17 years, I was in the Naval Special Warfare forces, NAVY SEALs. I'm grateful for serving my country and now I can continue serving in this community.

**AURORA SKARRA-GALLAGHER:** I was a software engineer for 15 years, having earned my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Computer Science. I most enjoyed working for Yahoo! for six and a half years. After quitting my job at Yahoo!, I played professional beach volleyball for a few years while doing software consulting on the side.

## Q: THOSE ARE MAJOR CAREER TRANSITIONS. WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER?

**LE:** In 1992, I decided to join the Navy for a few years to save money and get some experience. My plan was to go back east and get into a fire academy in Florida. Finally, at my 20-year mark, I decided to chase my dream job.

**ASG:** Although I really enjoyed being a programmer, I felt there was something more meaningful I could do. I could work all day and night as a software engineer, but I didn't really feel like I was making a difference. I decided on firefighting because the core work is to help people on a daily basis, and it's a very physical career, which matched my lifestyle.

## Q: WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A FIREFIGHTER IN SANTA MONICA?

**LE:** Outstanding. Every day is unique. Firefighting is not always that life and death struggle to save someone in a smoky room. There are so many other things that we do, from using sophisticated firefighting and rescue equipment to promoting fire safety, from inspecting and enforcing safety standards to demonstrating the use of firefighting equipment, performing practice drills, and working with police and ambulance service personnel.

**ASG:** Santa Monica is special because we have a great relationship with our community. I also feel appreciative every time we catch a glimpse of the Pier, the ocean and the beaches. We are fortunate to work in such a beautiful and active city.

## Q: DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE HIRING PROCESS. WAS IT RIGOROUS?

**LE:** RIGOROUS it was! When I took the test they only took the first 7,000 people who applied for 17 firefighter positions. You want to prepare in advance and stay that way. I started with the physical ability test. Then I was invited to take the written test. Once I passed, I was invited to an interview.

**ASG:** It took me four years to get hired. I started by taking Fire and EMT classes at El Camino College. I continued by attending the El Camino Fire Academy, volunteering at the Hermosa Beach Fire Department as an Ambulance Operator/Fire Intern, and finally by attending Daniel Freeman Paramedic school. Physically, I continued my cardiovascular and high intensity interval training routines, and added a heavier weightlifting component. I also trained with fire equipment such as ladders and hoses and used a weight vest to simulate the heavy gear we wear and carry. I joined a program called Fitness for Future Firefighters first as a participant, and then as a mentor. After getting hired, I had to pass a physical, a psychological exam, and a polygraph test before I was



**Luis Echagarruga**  
Joined SMFD 2 years ago  
Firefighter at Fire Station 4



**Aurora Skarra-Gallagher**  
Joined SMFD 2.5 years ago  
Firefighter/Paramedic at Fire Station 2

admitted to the grueling Santa Monica fire academy, which prepared me for my year as a probationary firefighter.

## Q: WHY SHOULD PEOPLE JOIN SMFD?

**LE:** The Chief and his relationship with the City Manager is paramount. In many communities, without these two understanding the shared need and value, it would be a city without structure. The training is phenomenal. Santa Monica picks the right instructors so that you are prepared before your first day as a probationary firefighter. Lastly is the relationship between you and the firefighters you will be working with for the next 20 to 30 years. You become a family, people you can call brother or sister. You can't beat it!

**ASG:** People should pursue a career at SMFD if they want to work for a class 1 fire department that has high standards and provides diverse opportunities for specialization such as hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, and aircraft rescue, in addition to structural and wildland firefighting. It feels good to be supported by a progressive city, and to take care of its citizens.

# 2018 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS SHOW 4% INCREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR



**T**he results of the January 24, 2018 Homeless Count were released, showing a 4% increase in homelessness, or an increase of 36 individuals over last year. This comes amidst a regional homeless crisis with 57,000 (2017 regional count numbers) living without permanent shelter countywide.

This slight increase of 4% comes after last year's 26% increase in Santa Monica and a 23% increase countywide. There are more people living on the streets without shelter in nearly every pocket of the 4,700 square miles that make up Los Angeles County. In 2016, voters passed two historic measures to combat this crisis - Measure H and HHH - with housing and a broad net of services to expand the safety net for a diverse homeless population with varying needs. Here are some of the new efforts underway.

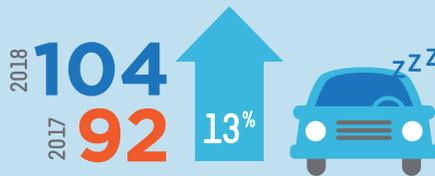
For more information, please visit [smgov.net/homelessness](http://smgov.net/homelessness).

## Top Line Numbers

More information will be available from the countywide results and will be published late spring by the Los Angeles homeless services authority (LAHSA).



The 2018 **POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT** total is up 4% from 921 individuals in 2017 to 957



Within the **STREET COUNT**, individuals sleeping in vehicles/encampments increased to 104 people, up from 92.



The **SHELTER AND INSTITUTION POPULATION** is 311, a decrease from 340 (8.5%) in 2017. Shelter occupancy was close to 95%; however, results appear to indicate that some people assigned to beds did not utilize them.



Daytime demographic surveys of a smaller subset of the homeless population shed further light on who is coming into Santa Monica and from where:

- **NEW TO SANTA MONICA** - 27% report being in Santa Monica for less than 1 month, down 2% from last year.
- **ORIGINATE OUTSIDE THE CITY** - 44% come to Santa Monica from other parts of Los Angeles County; 32% come from out of state.
- **TRANSPORTATION INTO SANTA MONICA** - 52% reported taking the bus, 16% biked or walked, 13% took a car and 9% took the Expo Line.

# SANTA MONICA BIKE RIDERSHIP INCREASES BY 19% SINCE 2015



**B**iking is a key component of the City’s strategic goal of creating a new model for mobility, and it’s more popular than ever. The City is designated as a silver level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Cyclists and boasts 110 miles of designated bike routes, including 4.5 miles of separated bike paths. It’s no wonder that in citywide counts between 2015 and 2017, bike ridership has increased 19 percent. In the coming years, the City is spending millions of dollars to continue to make cycling safer, more accessible and more fun for everyone. In 2018, look for miles of new green lanes, 1,200 new public bike racks, and an expanded Breeze Bike Share system area that will connect with UCLA, Beverly Hills and West Hollywood.

For first-time riders and enthusiasts alike, Bike Month is a perfect opportunity to get involved and celebrate the bicycle

with events like: Weekly Bike Local SM Handle Bar Happy Hours hosted by Santa Monica Spoke and Buy Local SM (visit [smspoke.org/events](http://smspoke.org/events) for times and locations), **Bike-it Walk-it Bus-it (May 7 - 11)**, **Bike to Work Day (May 17)**, **Family Bike Fest at the Climate Action Summit (May 19)**, and **Monthly Ride with the Mayor** (visit [smgov.net/MayorsRide](http://smgov.net/MayorsRide)).

Biking is a great way to exercise, run errands around town, save money, explore new parts of the community, and commute to work and school without contributing to congestion. This Bike Month, join thousands of Santa Monicans by hopping on a bike and enjoying the ride. [#GoSaMo](https://twitter.com/GoSaMo)

## What do you love about biking in Santa Monica?



**Rafi Karpinski**  
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

“It feels great to start a day with a bike ride here in sunny southern California as opposed to being stuck in traffic, prowling the parking structures for that one elusive parking spot, and last but not least, explaining to my boss that I might be late again. Riding a bike also gives me an opportunity to take a scenic route and enjoy a morning beach ride, arriving to work in an upbeat mood.”

**Ryan Lee**  
SANTA MONICA RESIDENT,  
BOB’S MARKET

“I enjoy biking because it provides me with the opportunity to connect with other members of the community. It also allows me to leisurely travel around Santa Monica and other surrounding areas without worrying about paying for gas.”



**Fred, Hien and Blake Kipperman**  
SANTA MONICA RESIDENTS

“I bike for several reasons including spending time with my mom and dad, having fun and helping the environment.”



**Isabel Cardenas**  
HEAL THE BAY

“My commute is 15 minutes regardless of whether I take my car or bicycle. I bike to work because I spend more time outside, get some exercise, and save money on gas.”



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST LOVED SANTA MONICA BUSINESS WINNERS OF 2018!

**T**hanks to everyone who voted in the 5th Annual Santa Monica's Most Loved Businesses Contest! Created to encourage people to shop, eat and play locally, this contest is an initiative of the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee and the SM Daily Press, in partnership with our local business improvement districts (Downtown SM, Main St., Montana Ave. & Pico Blvd.), the SM Chamber, SM Pier Corp., SM Travel + Tourism and the City of Santa Monica.

## THE WINNERS

**Most Loved Santa Monica Art Gallery/Gift Shop featuring locally made products:**

Ten Women Gallery

**Most Loved Santa Monica Auto-Related Business:**

Stokes Tire Service

**Most Loved Santa Monica Bar/Pub:**

West 4th & Jane

**Most Loved Santa Monica Breakfast/Brunch Spot:**

Huckleberry Bakery + Cafe

**Most Loved Santa Monica Clothing Boutique featuring sustainable/reused products:** Assistance League of Santa Monica

**Most Loved Santa Monica Coffee Bar/Bakery:**

Philz Coffee, Groundwork Coffee Co. (tied)

**Most Loved Santa Monica Farmers Market Farmer:**

Murray Family Farms

**Most Loved Santa Monica Farmers Market Prepared**

**Food Vendor:**

Bezian Bakery

**Most Loved Santa Monica Green Certified/Sustainable Business:**

Bareburger

**Most Loved Santa Monica Grocery Store/Food Retailer featuring organic and healthy food:**

Co+Opportunity Market & Deli

**Most Loved Santa Monica Gym/Health/Fitness Studio:**

Orangetheory Fitness Santa Monica

**Most Loved Santa Monica Happy Hour:**

Enterprise Fish Co.

**Most Loved Santa Monica Health Care Practice:**

UCLA Medical Group, Santa Monica

**Most Loved Santa Monica Hotel/Motel for a Staycation:**

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows

**Most Loved Santa Monica Ice Cream/ Frozen Yogurt/ Confectionary Shop:**

Dolcenero Gelateria

**Most Loved Santa Monica Business for Kids:**

The Pretenders Studio



**Most Loved Santa Monica Business for Live Music/ Entertainment:**

Bareburger

**Most Loved Mural located on a business/commercial property:**

"She Who Sees" by Kirsten Lerman (Location: ZJ Boarding House, OP Blvd @ Main St)

**Most Loved Santa Monica Nonprofit/Charity/Community Service Organization:**

Heal the Bay

**Most Loved Santa Monica Business for Outdoor Enthusiasts:**

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI)

**Most Loved Santa Monica Business for Pets:**

Healthy Spot

**Most Loved Santa Monica Real Estate Firm:**

Engel & Volkers Santa Monica

**Most Loved Santa Monica Restaurant:**

El Cholo Santa Monica

**Most Loved Santa Monica Salon/Spa:**

Salon Tru

**Most Loved Business in Downtown Santa Monica:**

Orangetheory Fitness

**Most Loved Business on Main Street:**

Dolcenero Gelato

**Most Loved Business on Montana Avenue:**

Larkellen

**Most Loved Business on Pico Boulevard:**

Sewing Arts Center

**Most Loved Business on the Santa Monica Pier:**

The Albright

**Most Loved Locally Owned, Independent Business in Santa Monica:**

Sewing Arts Center

For more information on the contest, visit [BuyLocalSM.com/most-loved](http://BuyLocalSM.com/most-loved).

Be sure to pick up a copy of the SM Daily Press' Most Loved 2018 guide starting on May 2 at newsstands and venues throughout the city including City Hall, SM Library.

# SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET TO HOST FOUR CHEF DEMOS FOR LA TIMES FOOD BOWL



**T**he Los Angeles Times Food Bowl is back for its second year this month, and the Santa Monica Farmers Market is participating by hosting four chef demos. Please join us at The Food Bowl, which takes place May 1-31 and brings together LA's best restaurants, cafes, hotels, bars, markets and the world's top chefs to celebrate the food and drink scene in Los Angeles. The event helps raise awareness and funds to fight food waste, hunger and food insecurity, and promote sustainability. Here's how the Santa Monica Farmers Market is partaking in the festivities.

**May 2, 10 a.m. to noon at the Wednesday Downtown Market, 3rd St. Promenade/Arizona Ave. –** Executive Chef Miles Thompson of Michael's Santa Monica will select what is in peak season and serve samples while demonstrating preparation techniques.

**May 12, 10 a.m. to noon at the Pico Farmers Market, 2200 Pico Blvd. –** Executive Chef Nick Shipp of Upper West and Executive Ice Cream Chef Shiho Yoshikawa of Sweet Rose Creamery will pair up to create a seasonal dish from the Farmers Market topped with a scoop of ice cream.

**May 19, 10 a.m. to noon at the Saturday Downtown Market 3rd St. Promenade/Arizona Ave. –** Tristan Aitchison, Chef de Cuisine at Providence, will demonstrate how to select and prepare sustainably caught local seafood. In addition to receiving multiple Best Restaurant in

LA awards, Providence is known for its commitment to protecting overfished species and providing customers with sustainable alternatives.

**May 27, 10 a.m. to noon at the Sunday Main Street Market, 2640 Main St. –** Chef/Owner Heather Worrell of Farm and Flame partners with rancher Meredith Bell of Autonomy Farms in slow-roasting whole chickens and serving up samples of pulled smoked chicken on California-grown heritage grain buns with market-fresh toppings.

The Farmers Market chef demos give customers the opportunity to observe local chefs up close as they prepare seasonal dishes from the Farmers Markets.

Farmers, ranchers and fisherfolk will also participate in the demo, explaining how they grow their produce, raise their animals and catch their fish.

See you there!



## SEE YOU AT THE FARMERS MARKETS!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
Arizona Ave @ 2nd St  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**SATURDAYS**  
Arizona Ave @ 3rd St  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**SATURDAYS**  
Virginia Avenue Park  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**SUNDAYS**  
2640 Main St  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

# FIVE IMPORTANT TIPS FOR SAFE TRAVELING

**W**ith the summer months ahead, many of us will soon find ourselves traveling as we take advantage of school holidays and warm weather to vacation with loved ones. No matter where your vacation destination may be, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism encourages you to keep your personal safety top of mind with these 5 important tips for vacation safety.

- 1 Before you leave, inform your neighbors of how long you expect to be away and arrange for a friend to pick up mail and/or deliveries.
- 2 Never carry large amounts of cash when you travel. If you must carry a large sum of money, do not display it openly. Take only the credit cards you actually plan to use.
- 3 Always lock your car when entering or leaving it, and park in well-lit, busy areas. Store valuables and shopping bags out of sight.
- 4 When visiting a new place, ask an expert if there are any areas of town you should avoid. Stick to well-lit main streets and public areas, and be aware of your surroundings. If you feel threatened or uncomfortable, seek help.

- 5 When staying overnight at a hotel or motel, determine the most direct route to and from your room to the fire escapes, elevators and nearest phone. When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows.

Those of us lucky to call this beautiful place home may receive visitors of our own. If you need any resources, please visit Santa Monica Travel & Tourism's website at [santamonica.com](http://santamonica.com) for itinerary tips and ideas. We're here to help!



# FUN THINGS HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH!

**T**he Main Library hosts Fierce Friday on May 4, 6 - 8 p.m., which is a preview event for the YALLWEST teen book festival. Fans have the opportunity to meet sixteen YA authors, get their books signed, and take part in a variety of fun literary-themed activities. We'll also celebrate May the Fourth with some fun, creative activities. Admission to this event, sponsored by Macmillan Fierce Reads, requires a free ticket. Get yours at [yallwest.com](http://yallwest.com).

The Library also presents its annual Santa Monica Reads community-wide reading program from May 12 through June 16. The featured title, *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, tells the story of a Japanese-American family interned during World War II. The program features book discussions and special events throughout May and June, and kicks off with "An Afternoon with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston" at the Main Library on Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m. Learn more at [smpl.org](http://smpl.org).



# CLIMATEFEST INVITES COMMUNITY TO LEARN AND INSPIRE

**S**anta Monica's ClimateFest is a community celebration full of inspiration for climate action. This year, it takes place on **May 19, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** at St. Monica Catholic Community. Here are a few reasons YOU should attend this year:

- Learn about the future of mobility, energy, water, zero waste (reducing, reusing and recycling) and sustainable foods.
- Delve into the climate and weather, sea-level rise, and ocean acidification.
- Listen to climate leaders and inspiring community members.
- Hear from young people from the Climate Corps, Climate Reality Leaders, Grades of Green, Santa Monica schools and college students.
- Enjoy the lessons of greening your home, recreating clothes into reusable bags, composting and growing local foods, electrifying rides and installing solar energy.
- Buy green, renewable energy for your home or business.
- Give input for the school district's sustainability plan.
- Make art.
- Make friends.

Register now at [sustainablesm.org](http://sustainablesm.org).



## A DISCUSSION ON DISRUPTION AND THE ECONOMY

**T**he City of Santa Monica invites you to an evening of futuristic contemplation as we explore what life might be like with shared autonomous vehicles, highly tailored retail experiences, and new ways of doing work. Distinguished UCLA professor and economic geographer Michael Storper will moderate a panel of experts in forward-thinking fields to discuss how these emerging trends and technologies could affect Santa Monica's economy in the long term. If you would like to attend, please visit [santamonica.gov/economicfuture](http://santamonica.gov/economicfuture).

**When:** June 5, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** MLK Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library

# MAY 2018 EVENTS



The City of Santa Monica offers more than a hundred events each month. Check out the whole list at [santamonica.gov/events](http://santamonica.gov/events) and subscribe to the City's newsletter at [smgov.net/newsletter](http://smgov.net/newsletter).

## Fierce Friday at the Library

**MAY 4 AT MAIN LIBRARY, 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

Preview event for the YALLWEST teen book festival. Requires a free ticket. Get yours at [yallwest.com](http://yallwest.com). [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

## 3D Scanning with Brittany Ransom

**MAY 5 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Learn how to create a 3D scan of yourself and objects using an iSense 3D scanner connected to an iPad or laptop. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Cultivating the Expressive Body with

### Jeremy Hahn

**MAY 6 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 12 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

Utilizing an investigative process that draws upon meditation, visualization and movement improvisation, Jeremy leads a session where participants move their bodies free form, sharing playfully with expressive movement. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Poetry Loves Art with Dinah Berland

**MAY 6 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Poets of all levels are invited to experience the pleasures of “ekphrastic” poetry – the practice of writing poems in response to visual art. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Reading from Mother of the Row with Luis Alfaro

**MAY 8 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 6:30 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

Luis Alfaro and friends read from two new works: *The Golden State* and his in-progress new play, *Mother of the Row*. [annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture)

## Downbeat 720

**MAY 8 AND MAY 26 AT MILES PLAYHOUSE, 7:20 A.M. – 10 P.M.**

An open-mic performance lab for high school performing artists. All singers, poets, emcees, dancers actors and musicians are invited to try new material, gain confidence and perform in front of an audience of peers. [milesplayhouse.org](http://milesplayhouse.org)

## Before Night Falls Opening Reception

**MAY 10 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

Join emerging LA-based photographers Enio Hernandez, Marilyn Montufar and Vanessa Briones in a presentation of their work documenting Latino communities within

the US and Latin America. Photographs will be on display through September 6, 2018. [annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture)

## Santa Monica Reads

**MAY 12 AT ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS, THROUGH JUNE 16**

The Library presents its annual Santa Monica Reads communitywide reading program. This year's selected title is *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

## Image Collage Poetry with Kate Ingold

**MAY 12 AND MAY 19, 11 A.M. – 1 P.M. AND MAY 23, 2 P.M. – 4 P.M. AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB**

Make collages out of newspaper, magazines and other flat media with Artist-in-Residence Kate Ingold in these free workshops. RSVP at [santamonicaculturalaffairs.eventbrite.com](http://santamonicaculturalaffairs.eventbrite.com). [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## Breakfast in the Garden @ Main St.

**MAY 12 AT MAIN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN, 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

Meet up with garden enthusiasts and take a peek at what's growing at the Main St. Community Garden in this local monthly gathering. [smgov.net/communitygardens](http://smgov.net/communitygardens)

## Mother's Day Splash & Tea

**MAY 13 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 2 P.M. – 4 P.M.**

Love Esther Williams and old movie musicals? Jump in the pool for a special Mother/Daughter water ballet class with the Aqualillies water ballet entertainers, and enjoy tea and a snack on the pool deck with your new water diva friends. [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com)

## ClimateFest

**MAY 19 AT ST. MONICA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.**

Santa Monica's ClimateFest is a community celebration full of inspiration for climate action where you learn about the future of mobility, energy, water, zero waste (reducing, reusing and recycling) and sustainable foods. [sustainablesm.org](http://sustainablesm.org)

## Micro Imaging with Brittany Ransom

**MAY 19 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 1:30 P.M. – 3 P.M.**

Using a lens from a laser pointer, participants will construct a platform that allows their common device to be used as a microscopic lens to take images of different objects and surfaces. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## **Meet Me At Reed: Santa Monica International Taiko Festival** MAY 19 AT REED PARK, 3:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

Pre-concert family fun games followed by a 5:30 p.m. performance with On Ensemble, Naruwan and Taikoproject, coming together for an exhilarating free performance in the park. [smgov.net/reed](http://smgov.net/reed)

## **Memorial Park Master Plan Community Workshop** MAY 23 AT MEMORIAL PARK, 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Learn more about the Memorial Park Master Plan and participate in interactive activities with the designers to express your aspirations and program requests for the renovated and expanded park. [santamonicaparks.org](http://santamonicaparks.org)

## **Plaster Body Casting with Brittany Ransom** MAY 24 AT CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB, 6 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Create a one-part mold using skin-safe Alginate. | Each participant will create a single-use mold of their own hand, and end with a plaster cast from their mold. [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera)

## **Pool Opening Weekend** MAY 26 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Same-day pool passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All swimmers must be present at Guest Services when purchasing passes. Limited reservations available online 1-3 days in advance. For more information, call 310.458-4904. [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com)

## **Art @ Tongva: Contemporary Indigenous Artists** MAY 30 AT TONGVA PARK, 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

An evening of celebratory and powerful contemporary artworks and performances by indigenous California artists. [smgov.net/tongvapark](http://smgov.net/tongvapark)

## **City Council Meetings**

The Santa Monica City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming Council meetings:

**MAY 8**  
**MAY 22**

Meeting dates occasionally change. Visit [smgov.net/council](http://smgov.net/council) to confirm schedule and [smgov.net/council/agendas](http://smgov.net/council/agendas) to view agenda items.

Meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16, and streamed at [YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica](http://YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica). Meetings air on 89.9 KCRW, 8 p.m. to midnight.

All Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment may be made in person at any meeting, or prior to the meeting via regular U.S. mail, email or by fax to:

City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 209  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
Phone: 310.458.8201 | Fax: 310.458.1621  
Email all Council members: [council@smgov.net](mailto:council@smgov.net)

## **Public Meetings**

For updates on regular meetings, go to [smgov.net/clerk](http://smgov.net/clerk) or call 310.458.8411.

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
MAY 4 AND 16, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Disabilities Commission Meeting**  
MAY 7, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Architectural Review Board Meeting**  
MAY 7 AND 21, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Commission on the Status of Women Meeting**  
MAY 9, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting**  
MAY 10, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Landmarks Commission Meeting**  
MAY 14, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting**

MAY 16, 1:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Housing Commission Meeting**  
MAY 17, 4:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting**  
MAY 17, 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Arts Commission Meeting**  
MAY 21, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

**Airport Commission Meeting**  
MAY 28, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

**Social Services Commission Meeting**  
MAY 28, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER