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Last month's cover photo was of the Annenberg Beach House. The 5-acre oceanfront site upon which the Annenberg Community Beach House now sits was originally developed during the Gold Coast era of the 1920s by William Randolph Hearst for actress Marion Davies. The property was sold to the State of California in 1959, continuing to operate as the ever-popular Sand & Sea Club under a concession agreement. The site opened to the public as the Annenberg Community Beach House on April 25, 2009. The Beach House combines elements of the historic Marion Davies Estate with new amenities to create a unique community destination that's open to everyone.



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**REAL ESTATE
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SINGLE FAMILY HOME SALES	LAST 6 MONTHS MEDIAN SOLD PRICE	HOMES SOLD
	\$4,155,000	25
	AVG. PRICE/SQ.FT. \$1,198.39	
	HIGHEST SALE PRICE \$6,450,000	AVG. DAYS ON MARKET
	LOWEST SALE PRICE \$2,732,108	62

8 Ways To Keep Your Packages Safe This Holiday Season

1. Have packages delivered to your workplace.

If you can't be at home during the delivery, have the package delivered to your workplace instead. UPS, USPS, and FedEx all deliver to business addresses during their business hours.

2. Pick it up at your local post office.

USPS, FedEx, and UPS all offer a service to hold your package at their facility, letting you decide when to pick it up. USPS's Package Intercept program www.usps.com/manage/package-intercept.htm will redirect a package that hasn't been delivered yet to your local post office or to any other domestic address. UPS can hold your package for up to five days free of charge, and FedEx will do the same. When your package is sitting safely in a facility, it'll be impossible for anyone other than you to take it.

3. Keep a camera pointed at your porch.

Security cameras can work wonders for your peace of mind: not only do they deter potential thieves, you can also check if there are any packages sitting on your doorstep from anywhere, at any time. If your package is stolen, security camera footage of the thief can go a long way toward helping police catch them. You can also record and keep evidence if your package is mishandled or damaged.

4. Use signature confirmation.

If you have something expensive on the way, ask your sender for signature confirmation. This ensures that the package will be delivered into your hands and not left out in the open. When you're not at home to sign, the delivery service will keep your package at your local post office or facility for pick up. Requiring a signature on your delivery can also help in disputes with the deliverer, just in case any problems arise.

5. Leave delivery instructions.

Your delivery drivers are happy to accommodate any special requests, such as leaving the package on your back step or putting it someplace out of sight. They'll also typically make a note of your request so future deliveries will be left in the same place. Thieves are usually opportunists, and they like to get in and out as quickly as possible. They often won't want to search around your home for your package, so making a package more difficult to find can help deter any potential thieves.

6. Use UPS My Choice and FedEx Delivery Manager.

Both UPS and FedEx offer a handy Web app that helps you to keep close track of your incoming packages. When you sign up with UPS's My Choice www.ups.com/mychoice, you can receive instant delivery alert texts that tell you when your package is due that day. You can also redirect your package or reschedule delivery for a more convenient time. FedEx's Delivery Manager www.fedex.com/us/delivery will set the delivery time of your package or redirect to another address for a fee but will also send you notification texts and hold your delivery at a FedEx location for free.

7. Redirect your package to a neighbor or relative.

If you can't be at home, find someone who can be and ask them to receive your package for you. If you have a close neighbor or family member who lives nearby, ask if they would be willing to hold onto your delivery for you.

8. Post a warning sign.

Signs for security systems can be a great deterrent for thieves. The threat of being monitored will often stop potential thieves who don't want to be identified. These warning signs can help protect your packages and your whole house as well. A functioning security system can deter thieves all year round.

Holiday Events in Santa Monica

ICE at Santa Monica

Now through January 16th

Mon.-Thurs. 2^{pm} - 10^{pm}, Fri. 2^{pm} - 12^{am}, Sat. 10^{am} - 2^{am}, Sun. 10^{am} - 10^{pm}

Every holiday season, Downtown Santa Monica brings ice skating to our beachside community and transforms the corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue into ICE at Santa Monica, an outdoor ice skating rink. The 8,000 square foot rink by the beach offers residents and visitors a little taste of winter without the bite.

Bergamot Station Holiday Open House

December 10th from 12^{pm} - 6^{pm}

Celebrate the holiday season at Bergamot Station Arts Center. Over 30 galleries will be open with exciting new exhibitions, a book signing event, live music, festive food, and more. Support local businesses this holiday season - Bergamot Station's creative community boasts limitless gifts for everyone.

Menorah Lightings on the Third Street Promenade

December 24th - January 1st @ 5^{pm}

Join local synagogues as their members celebrate the Festival of Lights this Hanukkah on the Third Street Promenade. Lighting the menorah will begin shortly after sundown each evening. Shalom!

Santa Monica Place Events

Now through December 24th

Meet Santa Claus and take photos at his festive winter sea-side home.

Santa Photos (Now through December 24th) Mon.-Sun. 11^{am} - 8^{pm} (Santa's Break: 3^{pm} - 4^{pm})

Sat., Dec. 24th 9^{am} - 6^{pm} (Santa's Break: 1^{pm} - 1:45^{pm})

Pet Photos with Santa (Wednesdays - December 14th & 21st) from 5^{pm} - 8^{pm}

