

NEWS

Westwood Hills Neighborhood Watch An Introduction

There's been a lot of talk over the last year about security issues in Westwood Hills. With the immediacy of our internet network, we get to read a lot about crimes, both big and small, that have happened in our neighborhood. Although our LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore assures us that we live in a very safe place compared with other Los Angeles neighborhoods, it's clear that there has been an uptick in crime on the Westside, especially north of Sunset. In response to these events and with the encouragement of Captain Proctor of West L.A. LAPD, the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association formed an organizing committee to create a Neighborhood Watch program.

So what is Neighborhood Watch? Neighborhood Watch is primarily a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents to reduce the incidence and fear of crime in their communities. It involves neighbors getting to know each other to develop a program of mutual assistance. It promotes neighbors using crime prevention strategies as tools to reduce crime in their communities.

As central as the crime-prevention aspect is, however, the organizing committee also felt that the Westwood Hills Neighborhood Watch should be used to disseminate security-related information in other events such as fire, earthquake and the like. (For example, we activated the block captain network when we received notice about the water advisory last month.) This will continue to be our goal.

Block captains and other interested members of the community will receive educational literature as well as invitations to training sessions with LAPD, LAFD and any other emergency agencies who offer them to us. We hope to keep this educational aspect of the program on-going, for new block captains as well as new members of Westwood Hills Property Owners Association.

The first stage of the Neighborhood Watch implementation is happening now. This newsletter, the gift bag from Whole Foods, and the security info magnet come from your block captain team. Please welcome them and share whatever contact information you feel comfortable sharing. The main reason for updating the contact database is so that others can reach you in case of emergency. But cooperation in Neighborhood Watch is completely voluntary. If you do not want to participate, please tell the block captain who contacts you.

Likewise, it's crucial to recognize what Neighborhood Watch *isn't*. It's not a vigilante organization. It does not take the place of the police or fire department. If you see a crime or emergency in progress, call 911-- not your block captain, not the association. (The magnets have contact numbers on them for suspicious activity that doesn't fall into the 911 category.)

The main purpose for Neighborhood Watch is to *watch*. To be alert, to care for your neighbors and to use sensible precautions to deter crime. That awareness is what we are working to create. Please have patience with us as we work the bugs out of our new program. We welcome any suggestions for improvement.

CALL FOR MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS

We are short-handed on these blocks:

We have one captain already on these streets (except Thurston) but two is optimal. Please consider offering your services as a Neighborhood Watch volunteer. Once the system is fully operational, the time commitment will be minimal, except in cases of emergency, of course.

200 block of Tavistock
100 block of Barlock
200 block of Barlock
200 block of Bronwood
300 block of Bronwood
200 block of S. Bentley
400 block of S. Bentley
500 block of S. Bentley
11200 block of Cashmere
Cashmere Terrace
Thurston Ave

South side of Montana between Veteran and Sepulveda

What a Westwood Hills Block Captain Does

- Contact all neighbors on your assigned block either by phone, email or in person using a list provided by WHPOA.
- Explain Neighborhood Watch and encourage neighbors to join Neighborhood Watch and the WHPOA email network
- Obtain contact information including email address from neighbors
- Update information on database, retain a copy and send a copy to Security Committee
- Disseminate important security information to/from neighbors to/from Security Committee.

To help out on your block as a Neighborhood Watch Volunteer, E-mail westwoodhills-owner@yahoo.com.

Know your block captains !

BARLOCK- 100 block	Ruth Franklin
BARLOCK-200 block	Tom LaTourette
BENTLEY-100-200 block	Donna Obdyke
BENTLEY-300 block	Randi Blumenfeld
BENTLEY - 400 block	Susan Graw Millford
BENTLEY - 500 block	Judy Summers-Brown
	Barbara & Harry Schenk
BRONWOOD-200 block	Carol Lifland
BRONWOOD- 300 block	Jane Schwab
CASHMERE- 11000 block	Terry Tegnazian
	Sherri Spillane
CASHMERE -11100 block	Larry and Patti Londre
	David Nickoll
CASHMERE 11200 block	Asa Tucker
	Harry & Shirley Macy
CASHMERE TERRACE	Debbie & Howard Nuss baum
DALKEITH- 300 block	Randy Magnin
	Rita and Lou Schlanger
DENSLOW 100 & 200 block	Maria Demopoulos
	Kris Laine
DENSLOW 400-436	Shelley & Alan Stamm
DENSLOW 439-494	David & Cathy Nofri
GLENROY-104-285	Rachelle Lewenfus
	Bill Gubin
GLENROY-291-363	John & Melissa Shaeffer
	Bella McGowan
Alternate for GLENROY	Jennifer Lisle Revy
GREENFIELD	Sarah Bowman
	Susan Tourtelot
	Jane Shen-Miller Schopf
	Terry & Joann Gloege
	Sharon Milder
HOMEDALE	Janet Pasnau
	Francie Okun
LEVERING	Arthur Greenberg
	Anne-Marie Spataru
MONTANA 11100 block	Dana Lumpkin
	Helen Rasberry
MONTANA 11200 block	Laura Saade
	Mami & Ron Eshel
	Ronnie & Caroline Yona
OPHIR	Nicole Brzeski
	Shawn Abrahams
SUNSET 11000 block	Marty & Sally Kaplan
SUNSET- 11220-11364	Edith & Jim Large
	Coe Barshop
TAVISTOCK- 200 block	Katrin Kohncke
THURSTON	Not covered
TILDEN	Barbara Dobkin
	Nicole Yorkin
VETERAN 100, 200, & 300 blocks	Joanna Cowitt
	Ted & Ellen Seidman
VETERAN 500 block	Aphrodite Banks
	Glenn Savarese

**IT'S HERE
THE NEW PUBLIC
LIBRARY FOR
WESTWOOD!!**

The new Westwood Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library will open its doors at the end of April or beginning of May. The building is finally completed, the staff moved in the first week of March, and in six to eight weeks they'll be ready to welcome the neighborhood. Right now they're busy unpacking boxes, taking delivery of equipment and furniture, etc.

The new library, which has two levels of underground parking, is located at 1246 Glendon Avenue (a half-block south of Wilshire Blvd. and one block east of Westwood Blvd.) The Senior Librarian for our branch is Cheryl Collins, who spoke at our Annual Meeting in November.

Friends of Westwood Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that has been formed to support the new Westwood Library. Because of the perennial Los Angeles City budget crisis, our new branch is severely under-funded and will be opening with shelves that look shockingly bare.

We want our new library to be loved and well-used by everyone in

our community - so those bare shelves need to be filled and to be kept filled with new materials every year!

The primary mission of the new Friends group is to raise money to help buy books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs, CDs, books-on-tape and other materials for adults, teens and children. To kick off our Library's first year, the Friends are launching a **Charter Year Endowment Campaign**. Our goal is to raise an endowment of \$2 million or more to give our Library a sound financial foundation for the future. Contributions to the Friends are tax-deductible.

For information on joining the Friends of Westwood Library, or on making a major gift to the Charter Year Endowment Campaign, please contact Friends Board Member Terry Tegnazian by email at westwoodlibrary-friends-owner@yahoo.com, or by dropping her a note addressed to Friends of Westwood Library, 1246 Glendon Avenue, LA 90024.

Keep an eye out for announcement of the date for the Opening Day festivities. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

Hats off to Lori Fontanes and the Neighborhood Watch organizing committee: Terry Tegnazian, Bill Savage, Nicole Brzeski, Karen Fields, and Sue Polep. And thanks to Larry Londre and Whole Foods Market for their support of our security magnet program. Whole Foods has proven to be a wonderful community citizen as well as a wonderful market for our neighborhood. Please be sure to thank manager Dave Gonzalez the next time you see him at the market.

Friends such as these make a difference for our neighborhood. Our Westwood Hills Property Owners Association operates solely as a volunteer organization. We have no paid staff, no office, no overhead, and no annual dues. Residents pay one membership fee that entitles them to membership in the Association for as long as they live in the neighborhood. Members elect a Board of Directors each Fall at our Annual Meeting. The Board elects its officers.

I was honored to be re-elected as President at our first meeting in January. Alvin Milder was re-elected Vice President. Other officers are Larry Londre, VP membership, Lori Fontanes, VP security, Deborah Nussbaum, VP traffic; Margot Barron, Treasurer; Susan Polep, Secretary.

Security is a big focus this year. We are hoping to add Neighborhood Watch signs at key locations and expand our E-mail network to include more neighbors. Our Traffic Committee will continue its search for ways to slow down traffic and lighten the load on our streets. We will also be actively monitoring several land use proposals, including the new FBI headquarters proposed for Veteran and Wilshire and a mixed use office/entertainment/retail project that may be built in Westwood on LeConte Avenue, as well as CalTrans plans for the 405, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation efforts to ease traffic congestion on Wilshire and Sunset.

Our Board and our Committees welcome your ideas and your help. If you are interested in working on a project or serving on the Board, let us know by E-mailing westwoodhill-owner@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support of our neighborhood.


Carole Magnuson, President

Question: How do I join the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association?

Answer: It's so easy! Just mail your one-time lifetime membership dues payment of \$100 (\$90 if you are new to the neighborhood) to WHPOA, Box 24515, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Include your name, address, telephone and e-mail with your payment. For information e-mail westwoodhills-owner@yahoo.com or call Carole Magnuson at 310.472.9352.

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City Inaugurates One Call Service

Los Angeles residents who want to request City Services or report a problem now have a single number to call: 3-1-1.

The 3-1-1 number may be used for services and information including: City office hours, locations and events; pothole repair; voting information; senior services; graffiti removal; trash collection and debris removal; and street lights out.

Calls are answered 24/7, including holidays, by 3-1-1 Ambassadors who are trained to provide information or refer calls for service to the correct City agency.



Councilmember Jack Weiss and WHPOA President Carole Magnuson listen as Street Tree Division Chief Ron Lorenzen discusses damage to significant street trees at Cashmere St. and Sepulveda Blvd. Residents of the area had sought to save the trees, but they were damaged during construction and will be removed. Noting that the City had ordered that the trees be preserved, Councilmember Weiss said that he has asked the City Attorney to impose penalties on the developer for damage to public property. WHPOA has asked that City Ordinances be changed to protect trees against such damage in the future.

S.A.F.E. Waste Center Open

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation has opened a S.A.F.E. Collection Center at UCLA. The Center operates Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., accepting residential waste such as paint and solvents, used motor oil and filters, anti-freeze and other automotive fluids; cleaning products; pool and garden chemicals; aerosol cans; medicine; auto and household batteries.

On Saturday only, the center accepts electronic waste such as computers, monitors, printers, network equipment, telephones,

televisions, micro-waves, video games, cell phones, radios, stereos, VCRs and electronic toys.

The Center is located at 550 Charles E. Young Drive. West on the UCLA campus, near the corner of Strathmore and Gayley avenues. For information, call 1-800-98-TOXIC (1-800-988-6942).

UCLA Projects Move Forward

UCLA has begun construction of an addition to its **Child Care Center** east of Veteran Avenue at Sunset Blvd. The new Center will accommodate 100 infants and pre-schoolers in low rise structures south of the existing Child Care Center parking lot. Completion is scheduled for 2006.

Four of seven blocks of apartment housing have been completed in the **Weyburn Terrace** graduate student housing complex at Veteran and Weyburn avenues. The rest should be ready later this year.

UCLA's **new replacement hospital** is now expected to be completed by late 2005. The new building should be ready for patients by summer 2006.