

# newsletter

Save the Date!

WHPOA  
Annual Election  
Meeting

Thursday  
November 5,  
2009

6:30 p.m. desserts  
7:00 p.m. elections  
and speakers

Village Church  
of Westwood  
343 Church Lane

Speaker  
Councilmember  
Paul Koretz

Special Guests  
Assemblymember  
Michael Feurer  
42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly  
District

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Desserts will be  
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and organic foods, in  
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## Say NO to a Neighborhood Council

**A**t first glance, a Neighborhood Council might seem benign or even a good idea. But that's not true of the Neighborhood Council that has been proposed for Westwood by a small group of mostly Holmby-Westwood residents. **This Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) will have a negative effect on our neighborhood's ability to control its own destiny.** We need to take action NOW, by signing and returning the petition that accompanies this newsletter. The petition is also available on-line. Email: [westwoodhills-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:westwoodhills-owner@yahoogroups.com).

The proposed neighborhood council is huge, including our neighborhood as well as all of the area between Sunset Blvd. and Santa Monica Blvd. from the Beverly Hills border and the 405 freeway. It would have a population of more than 100,000, more than Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, or Culver City. **Yet the city requires only 200 signatures on a petition to approve the WWNC as the voice of Westwood!** Our neighborhood would have only one of 19 seats on the WWNC Board. Our association has been actively excluded from the planning process and was not represented on the planning committee.

**The NC's are governed by city law and are essentially creatures of the city.** Our neighbors in Brentwood and Pacific Palisades have opted to keep their voluntary Community Councils independent of the City so that they can challenge City decisions, something neighborhood councils can't do.

Why should we care whether an NC is formed? **Because it has the potential to dilute our voice with the city on matters that impact us.** For example, we could be outvoted on issues of great importance to us, such as permit parking, widening of Veteran and Montana Avenues, changes to local zoning laws and Specific Plans. Even if our homeowners association takes a contrary position, with the local NC against us it is too easy for the city to claim that "the community is divided" and do whatever it wants.

Eight of our board members attended a public meeting in late September and saw firsthand the dictatorial and exclusionary way in which this small group is proceeding. At that meeting, **we also heard from residents in other parts of the city who have experienced the problems generated by NCs, including being taken over by developers** and other commercial interests who have their own agenda as well as about the financial corruption that has taken place within some NCs.

At a time when the city is reeling under record budget deficits that require cut-backs in essential services such as police, fire and infrastructure repair, it gives each NC \$45,000 annually to cover overhead and other costs – amounting to more than \$4 million a year (the source of the financial corruption noted above) – and this does not even count the cost of the separate city department created to administer NCs.

**Our Association's board has voted to oppose this NC** for the reasons outlined above. The leaders in other Westwood neighborhoods are as concerned as we are about the effect this NC will have on our community. The best way to protect our interests is to let City Hall know that the majority of people in Westwood do not want to be involved in this city-controlled NC. That is why it is critical to get as many signatures as possible in opposition, as quickly as possible.

## Return your petitions now!

Each person in your household, including workers, should sign separately.  
Email [westwoodhills-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:westwoodhills-owner@yahoogroups.com) if you have questions.

## **ACTION NEEDED NOW!**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer with petitions on the back to be filled out and signed. We ask each household to get as many signatures as you can as soon as possible.

Each person filling out the petition should check both boxes 2 and 3. In addition, the applicable box under 4 should be checked to show whether you live, work or own property at the address.

These petitions should be signed by you, your spouse, anyone else living in your house, anyone working for you at your home whether on a regular or contract basis.

When they fill in the form they should use your address if they work at your home.

Also, if you work anywhere within the area of the proposed NC (e.g., the Wilshire Corridor, Westwood Village, UCLA), then everyone in your office or business can also sign.

Similarly, if you shop, dine, play, worship, have a child in a local school within the area, or go to doctors, dentists, beauty salons, etc. within this area, all those you come into contact within those places can also sign.

# **WHPOA Annual Meeting**

## **Councilmember Paul Koretz, Assemblymember Mike Feuer at Annual Meeting Nov. 5**

WHPOA is pleased to welcome our new 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember, Paul Koretz and California State Assemblymember Mike Feuer to our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on November 5. Both men are familiar faces in our community. Councilmember Koretz represented the 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District (Brentwood) for six years before being elected to the City Council last spring. And, of course, Assemblymember Feuer served the 5<sup>th</sup> District as our Councilmember from 1995 to 2001. On the City Council, Councilmember Koretz is Chair of the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee, Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of committees on Budget and Finance, Energy and Environment, and Transportation. Assemblymember Mike Feuer was elected to represent California's 42nd Assembly District in 2006. He chairs the Assembly Judiciary Committee, and sits on the Budget, Environment and Toxic Materials, and Insurance Committees.

## **Board Elections**

Elections to the WHPOA Board will take place at the annual meeting on November 5. The slate of candidates is listed below. The list includes both current board members whose terms are expiring and wish to continue serving, and some new candidates whose input and expertise will be a valued addition to the WHPOA Board. The Board aims to represent the diverse interests and opinions of the Association membership.

At this time, some long-serving dedicated Board members will be stepping down. All of us owe them a debt of gratitude for all they have given over the years to maintain and improve the quality of life of Westwood Hills. First and foremost, and in a league of her own, is Harriet Miller, one of the founders of the WHPOA and our most tireless neighborhood champion for 32 years. It is not an exaggeration to say that no one has done more to benefit this neighborhood than Harriet. Also retiring from the Board is Marty Kaplan, who has served for 28 years and most recently was our liaison on VA land development issues; and Bill Gubin, whose knowledge of neighborhood history and architecture and his many years as a real estate agent in the area provided the Board with great expertise and insight into many of the issues facing the WHPOA. We can't thank them enough.

**Slate of Candidates:** Renewing Board Members are Aphrodite Banks, Wayne Hodges, Russell Korobkin, Larry Londre, Alvin Milder, Frank Ponder, and Jane Schwab. New Candidates are Caroline Lee, Mitchell Wong, and Stacey Siegel. Board Members who will be serving the second year of two year terms are Margot Barron, Judy Brown, Barbara Dobkin, Carole Magnuson, Deborah Nussbaum, Sue Polep, Stephen Rohde, and Terry Tegnazian. – Barbara Dobkin

## **REVOCATION OF WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUPPORT**

Some of our members have asked how someone may revoke a signature on a petition in support of the WWNC neighborhood council, such as the one that was circulated in our neighborhood on Saturday Oct. 3. A Revocation Form, which you can fill out and return to the address/fax indicated on the form, is available. Please call 310-472-9352 to obtain one. This address/fax is a central collecting point coordinated by all the Westwood homeowner associations and other community organizations which have joined together to oppose this proposed NC. All such documents will be forwarded to the appropriate city personnel.

# President's Letter



*Dear Neighbors —*

As I finish my second year as president of the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association, I am struck by how blessed we all are to live in one of the loveliest, safest neighborhoods in the city, with such caring and involved neighbors.

I see it firsthand in many ways every day. As co-moderator of our neighborhood email network, I daily correspond with many of you, and even if we haven't met in person, I have gotten to know you by name.

On my usual early morning walk, which takes me on a loop through our neighborhood both north and south of Montana, friendly neighbors who are out walking, with or without dogs, never fail to greet each other and often stop to chat.

On our board of directors, I am privileged to work with an outstanding group of neighbors who each year devote their intelligence, varied experience and training, concern for the well-being and quality of life in our neighborhood, and hundreds of hours of volunteer time for the benefit of all of us.

Whenever a major issue arises in the community that needs large numbers of people to get the city's attention – whether it's on the 405 Freeway expansion, illegal mega-developments in the Village or on the VA property, or whatever other challenges we have faced over the years – you have turned out for meetings and have responded to mailings by the hundreds.

Right now we are facing another such challenge – an ill conceived Neighborhood Council that would encompass more than 100,000 people in the Westwood area under the control of city rules. To ensure that our neighborhood can continue to control its own destiny, we need your help once again. Please take the time to read the article about this situation in this newsletter, and get signatures on the enclosed petition.

Westwood Hills is truly a rare gem within the City of Los Angeles! Thank you all for helping to make it, and keep it, so.

Best regards,

*Terry Tequazian*

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# NEIGHBORS MAKING WESTWOOD HILLS GREENER

## Catching the Rays

by Bruce and Barbara Dobkin



Solar panels viewed from the rear (upper) and front (lower) of the Dobkin home

**P**utting the sun's energy into our home starting in July has made reading our electric meter more pleasurable than watching TV, except when Laker and Bruin games are playing. By a Web interface on my iPhone and on a wi-fi screen in the kitchen, we see how much energy we are making and how many pounds of carbon we have saved. You become aware of the rhythms of the sun's output on your home each day, the number of hours of daylight, and whisper to each other about the joys of growing electrons and saving kilowatt hours (KWH\*\*). The solar panels cut our DWP costs this summer by 75%. Indeed, our house was also cooled by the shade of the panels. It is remarkably easy to capture the sun's rays. Consider the costs and benefits, then hire a reliable contractor who gets it done without hassle, which was our experience.

**For the non-physicist, solar energy is created when the sun's photons knock electrons into a high-energy state** within the photodiodes that are embedded in individual photovoltaic or solar cell modules. The electrons flow as direct DC current into a transformer, near your meter, that converts DC into AC current. The AC flows through your electrical meter, then to the house's power system. If you make more AC current than you use, the flow turns your meter in reverse, banking the electricity. That is fun to watch. At night, you will be on the DWP's electrons, but you may be using some of your banked currency for free.

**Our goal was to cut** our DWP KWHs by 35-75%. How much you cut your costs will depend on how many solar arrays you can efficiently get on your roof and their particular efficiency (how well they gather sunlight and produce electrons). Your contractor and a DWP inspector will estimate how many KWH you are likely to average over the year.

**Our system** creates 6.1 KW of DC current for an average of 5.5 hrs of good sunlight to produce 25-30 KWH daily (summer gets you say 35 and winter gets you 20). Our system cost around \$25,000 out of pocket after a DWP rebate. The rebate money has nothing to do with state funds, so you will not merely receive an IOU. You get another 30% federal tax credit off your owed income taxes for that year. We expect to recover our investment within 8-9 years in a system that will last 25 years. Go to <http://www.qosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/> for information about rebates, contractors and other info, to <http://www.ladwp.com/> for its residential solar power incentive program, and check the pdf file about California solar at [www.Rahus.org](http://www.Rahus.org). Or email us at [babsdobkin@gmail.com](mailto:babsdobkin@gmail.com)

\*\* A kilowatt hour (KWH) means that you use 1000 watts an hour - like running 17 60-watt light bulbs each hour. The average usage in Westwood Hills probably runs from 35-70 KWH daily (check your DWP bill for 6 months and average it out). At the lowest tier of cost from the DWP, you pay about 12-14 cents per KWH, but rates are higher and rising fast for use between 8AM-7PM. The DWP proposed eliminating the cap on the Energy Cost Adjustment which recently passed to include a 30% and 62% increase in Tier 2 and Tier 3 power rates in its Rate Restructuring Plan.

## 50 Trees for 50 Years – Almost!!

Westwood Hills is looking greener and is shadier thanks to so many homeowners taking part in our "50 trees for 50 years" WHPOA anniversary project. Many people offered their parkways as a planting spot for a new tree. Others took advantage of the city's shade tree or the sidewalk 50% repair programs, and others purchased a favorite tree for a spot in their yard. All of these efforts added up to more than 34 new trees for Westwood Hills.

It was wonderful to meet so many people throughout the neighborhood, but the city process was not always easy. Parkway less than 3ft. didn't qualify for the city Million Trees LA program and after being promised a February planting date, the trees didn't go into the ground until June 1<sup>st</sup>, just in time for the hot summer months and watering restrictions! New trees need slow thorough watering where the water saturates the soil (20 gallons weekly or biweekly during the summer) without producing any run off. This type of slow, deep watering allows trees to develop a deep root structure that will not disturb the sidewalk as the tree grows larger.

A big thank you to the **Vogel, Mayman, Glassman, Ehrich, Greenberg, Wong, West, Maiten, Gertz and Dorfman** families for volunteering a spot to plant an new parkway tree or two.

We can still reach the 50 tree goal. If you would like to have a tree, please e-mail me at [Nussbaum3@earthlink.net](mailto:Nussbaum3@earthlink.net). --*Debbie Nussbaum*

## Veterans Park Construction Underway

After the inevitable contract delays, The Veterans Park Conservancy will be breaking ground shortly on the first phase of its **Memorial Park to Veterans**. It will start with a complete rebuild of the "Rose Garden" dedicated in 1947 to those women who served during WW II. The Garden is located behind building number 200, which is the first building on the right when you enter from the West Gate north of Wilshire. The Garden is surrounded by an adobe wall built by Native Americans over one hundred years ago and will be transformed into a beautiful retreat for healing and meditation. It is a good example of the other projects planned for the rest of the 16 acres.

Some neighbors have inquired about the display of the American flag in the upside-down "distress" mode on Sunday afternoons at the main entrance corner of Wilshire and San Vicente. There are a small group of Veterans who feel that the Park should not be accessible to the public. The Veterans Park Conservancy Enhanced Sharing Agreement with the VA allows for restricted public access, and that "access" will fall under the authority and control of the VA. The public access provision is consistent with other use agreements on the WLA campus such as Barrington Park, Golf Course, Wadsworth and Brentwood Theaters, and Jackie Robinson Stadium.

For more information on this project go to [www.veteransparkconservancy.org](http://www.veteransparkconservancy.org) --by *Harry Macy*

## IN THE GARDEN

*Going greener, Alvin and Sharon Milder filled in their swimming pool this spring and installed a garden in its place. The Milder's lovely garden on Greenfield has been featured in many home and garden magazines. We asked Sharon to share some tips for fall:*

**Now until the end of January** is the best time to prune trees; be sensitive to keeping the natural shape of the tree – do not top trees. Also remember that if you wait until spring to prune, you run the risk of cutting down branches with active bird nests. Prune perennials in the coldest months, December through February. **Autumn** is the time of year to plant almost everything – trees, most perennials, bulbs, shrubs, winter herbs, vegetables, etc. **Plant now through December** so that you can advantage of the winter rains. If you are in doubt about what and when to plant, the internet offers many excellent sites. **And I highly recommend** that every home have a copy of the *Sunset Western Garden Book.*

*by Sharon Milder*

# Update: Transit and Traffic

There has been a lot to follow that relates to traffic in and around Westwood Hills. Most important is that the passing of Measure R has meant that money for transit projects may become available, and projects previously on a "wish" list are now on the fast track

Hot item of the day is the **Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project** (Wilshire Bl Bus Lane). Metro's idea is to dedicate the existing curbside lanes in each direction to Bus use only during the peak travel times (7am to 9 am and 4 pm to 7 pm). The project is along a corridor of Wilshire Blvd. between Valencia St. to the east (west of the I-110 Freeway) and Centinela Ave. to the west, excluding the portion of Wilshire Bl. within the City of Beverly Hills. The project is intended to encourage a shift from automobile use to public transit by improving bus passenger travel times, service reliability, and ridership of the existing Wilshire BRT system.

**What we should be concerned about is the increase in car traffic congestion** this project will cause along Wilshire in the Westwood and West LA neighborhoods. Dedicating one of the three or four lanes of Wilshire along this corridor to bus only traffic will increase car traffic delays 25-33%. We all know how bad traffic can be during the peak periods. However noble the idea of reducing the bus commute time from downtown to the Westside, the downside of the huge disruption to car traffic and increased delays suggests that this is an ill advised idea.

**Beverly Glen to Bundy should be excluded from the bus lane project.** LADOT gives grades to intersections throughout the city and the Westwood and West LA intersections along Wilshire mostly get Fs! How much worse can Metro make this? Not everyone can take a bus and a lot of car traffic heads towards the I-405 (hopefully in a car pool). Let Metro know any of your concerns. They are compiling comment on the project until Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. E-mail your opinions to [wilshirebrt@metro.net](mailto:wilshirebrt@metro.net) (put the "Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project" in the subject line).

**Plans for the second phase of the Expo Light Rail line** are moving forward. The route has not been finalized, but it will most likely follow the old rail right-of-way. Regardless of route, a very important issue for all Westside residents is the importance of providing elevated (or below ground) street crossings at all the major streets on the Westside such as Sepulveda, Westwood, Sawtelle, and Overland Blvds, instead of at grade crossings controlled by swing arm gates.

**Sepulveda Reversible Lane.** The three lanes in the tunnel on Sepulveda at Mulholland will be re-stripped and lighted signs added to indicate the direction of the center lane. Morning commute times will favor southbound traffic and PM commute times will favor traffic heading north to the Valley. Bike lanes will also be added along parts of Sepulveda Bl. in the Sepulveda Pass.

**Left-turns.** Westwood Hills has been promised that the ill-conceived **left turn pocket from Sepulveda at Homedale** is no longer part of the I-405 HOV project. Also deleted for now is a dual left turn lane from westbound Sunset onto the NB I-405 on-ramp. But LADOT is persistent and may put this back on the table when Caltrans completes the widening of the I-405. As I-405 construction details are learned they will be forwarded to you. Construction updates are posted on the e-mail network.

**Subway to the Sea.** Public meetings have taken place on the possible routes of the **Subway to the Sea**. Lot 36 at Wilshire and Veteran will most likely be a location of a subway station. For more details go to: [metro.net/Westside](http://metro.net/Westside).

Share your ideas, questions and opinions on any of the above traffic related issues or other traffic issues, by emailing it to the WHPOA website:  
[westwoodhills@vahoooroubs.com](mailto:westwoodhills@vahoooroubs.com) *Debbie Nussbaum—Traffic Chair*

## OLYMPIC / PICO ONE-WAY

Changes in traffic patterns on two main east west boulevards are also being talked about as a way to improve travel times between downtown and the Westside.

The plan would not turn Pico and Olympic into one-way streets. Instead, the streets would be engineered to favor either east or west-bound traffic flow. Pico would be turned into an eastbound-favored street and Olympic into a westbound-favored street.

On each street, one of the lanes would favor the traffic direction and left turn options along the route would be eliminated. The idea is that this plan would speed traffic along these streets by removing turning delays and timing signals for flow in the desired direction.

Possible problems are cut-through traffic into the neighborhoods lying along these streets because of the elimination of the left turns. Loss of street parking is another possible concern.

Businesses in the Pico/Westwood area have opposed the plan because it would remove street parking used by their customers.—DN

## NEW FROM LAPD

# Update : Security and Coyotes

### Text-A-Tip

**Service** allows a tipster to provide information to the LAPD and remain completely anonymous through text or SMS messaging.

#### To Use Text A Tip:

Find "Messaging" or "SMS" on your phone's menu:

Create a new text message or send text c SMS text.

Enter the number 2-7-4-6-3-7 as the mobile # or in the "to" line. In body, type the word LAPD, a space, and then your crime tip information (LAPD is not case sensitive).

Hit "Send"

You will receive a response from TipSoft shortly, which will start secure text dialogue.

For your safety, when you complete your tip submission, you should always delete all text messages to and from : 2-7-4-6-3-7 from your message in box and out box.

Our Neighborhood Watch seems to be successful. According to Officer Ragsdale, We have one of the strongest and most active Neighborhood Watches in the city, and although it stands out as a model for what the watch should be, we are always looking for more block captain to join us. One of my goals is to get more Neighborhood Watch signs made. Hopefully it can be done with minimal cost to all of us. If there are any suggestions as to whom to contact, I would be most appreciative; just use the network to contact me.

I am greatly concerned about the reports of missing dogs, and coyote sightings. We must always keep in mind that due to the location of our homes, we have encroached on the territory of many wild animals. Just across the street from me, it seems we may have a raccoon family living in the ivy, and with our continued drought, the coyotes will continue to make frequent forays into the neighborhood. For those of you who have concerns about the coyotes, let me remind you of a few things that you can do to keep your children and pets safe:

**Never leave small children, or pets, unattended.**

Keep your pets indoors, or secured in an outdoor kennel.

**Walk your dog on a leash at all times.**

Carry something with you for protection such as an air horn, walking stick, or cane.

**Do not leave pet food, or water bowls outside.**

Put all trash bags inside secured trash cans, and don't put them out until pickup day.

**Keep your property well lit at night.**

Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds--all are areas for nesting. Believe it, or not, coyotes are capable of jumping fences that are 5 1/2 feet high. If you are interested in information regarding coyote proof fencing, feel free to contact me. Many of these suggestions, as well as cutting back shrubs and ivy, will also help to eliminate the rats that are frequently seen. *Jane Schwab, Security Chair*

## Email, Email, Email!

If you aren't on the Westwood Hills neighborhood email network, you are missing out! Our email network is fully moderated by president Terry Tegnazian and board members Carole Magnuson and Debbie Nussbaum. This means that in more than eight years of operation, there has been NO SPAM on our email network.

Join the more than 550 of your Westwood Hills neighbors who already benefit from our neighborhood email network. Here are just a few of the things that the email network is used for:

- referrals for services such as electricians, plumbers, gardeners, doctors, babysitters;
- reporting lost or found pets, keys, etc.;
- security alerts from LAPD, our security committee or neighbors about suspicious or criminal activities in the neighborhood;
- selling used items, or tickets for events you can't attend such as baseball, football or basketball games, concerts, theater, etc.;
- local community events such as programs at the Westwood Branch Library;
- updates on local community issues that affect our neighborhood, such as the 405 Freeway expansion.

The email network is FREE, and open only to members of the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association (and their tenants, if any). To sign up, email [westwoodhills-owner@yahogroups.com](mailto:westwoodhills-owner@yahogroups.com) with your name, street address and telephone number.

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Carole Magnuson, Editor

## WHPOA Welcomes New Members

Please greet these neighbors who have joined the WHPOA since our last newsletter: Suji Woo and Reginald Gilyard (Ophir) ; Amy Liu and Doug Cohen; Deb Newmyer (Cashmere); Naomi Eisenberger and Matthew Lieberman (Montana); Washington Bryan II (Veteran) ; Stacy and Iliya Rybchin; Lee and Elizabeth Jenkins (Denslow); Muriel Dance and Alvin Martin, (Dalkeith).

## Not a member yet?

**W**HPOA – the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association – is the 51-year-old organization which represents our neighborhood on a myriad of issues that impact us. Westwood Hills encompasses just over 600 homes located within the area bordered by Sunset Blvd. on the north and the VA Cemetery on the south, Veteran Ave. on the east and Sepulveda Blvd. on the west.

Everything about WHPOA is voluntary, from your membership to the board of directors and officers, committees, neighborhood watch, block parties, and email network. Unlike other homeowner organizations, there is only a one-time (not annual) dues of \$100 to join WHPOA – so if you haven't yet joined, there is no time like the present! To get a membership form, email [westwoodhills-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:westwoodhills-owner@yahoo.com), or write to WHPOA at Box 24515, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor: A True Story

*(Sherry West found Molly on Montana Ave. and posted a lost dog notice on the WHPOA e-mail network. Jane Schwab, our security chair and a Sheltie owner, didn't want the obviously upset dog to go to a shelter, so she volunteered to keep Molly while a search for the owner was launched.)*

**A** perfect ending to what could have been a sad story. I decided to take Molly, the "lost" Sheltie for a walk. I had a feeling that she could lead me to where she belonged. Sure enough as we walked north on South Glenroy, she kept walking faster towards Tavistock. We made that right turn to go up the hill and she kept going faster and faster. I said, "Molly, girl, take me to your home." She ran up a driveway to where the garage was open. I saw a doggie gate in front of a door that was open in the back of the garage. Yelling, " have you lost a Sheltie?" I was greeted by a woman whom Molly obviously knew and loved. It seemed that the lady, Becky Roche, was the owner's daughter. He was out of town and she was doggie-sitting Molly. Molly was so happy to be home that she was prancing and barking all over the place. Did I feel great? This just made my day. Sometimes you just do something that you know is right.

I was correct, she is a senior dog, about ten. I have mixed feelings because if we hadn't found her home, I would have wanted to adopt her. She is the kind of dog that just finds a place in your heart as soon as you meet her. Best of luck, Molly. May you live out your life receiving as much love as you obviously give. Thanks, from Molly and me, to everyone whose help and concern brought Molly home. *By Jane Schwab*