



WESTWOOD HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2021

WHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday
January 27, 2021**

7:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Look for Registration
Details Via the WHPOA
Email Network**

Agenda

Elections & Speakers

Speakers

Paul Koretz
Councilmember
5th District

**Captain Jonathan
Tom**
WLA LAPD
Commanding Officer

Pete Ojeda
LAPD
Senior Lead Officer

WHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting: Your attendance matters

Your input and feedback at our WHPOA Annual Meeting is critical for the wellbeing of our neighborhood. The annual meeting is an incredible opportunity for us to hear directly from our local civic leaders and to learn about the issues that directly affect us, including transit development, construction and security.

This year, we are fortunate to have our **5th District Councilmember Paul Koretz** as our featured speaker. In addition, we will be hearing from our new **WLA LAPD Commanding Officer Captain Jonathan Tom** and **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Pete Ojeda**.

Councilman Koretz will speak about topics of interest to our community, including the recent and upcoming slate of State bills targeting zoning for single-family housing, initiatives to address homelessness, the Westwood Village Specific Plan, the future of our Los Angeles recycling program, budget issues concerning the police, and more. Our new LAPD Commanding Officer and Senior Lead Officer will speak about the new Los Angeles budget and what it means for policing in our city and will address local crime issues and what we can do to make our neighborhood even safer. We will be electing members to the WHPOA Board as well.

Log on, ask questions and be heard. Your input matters.

Welcome New Members

Traditionally, our WHPOA Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and to chat with friends. Because of COVID, and in recognition of the “Zoom fatigue” many of us are facing, we will not be having our customary social hour. Instead, check-in for the 7:00 pm Zoom meeting will commence starting at 6:45 pm.

Among those we'd like to welcome are these Westwood Hills homeowners who have joined the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association since October 2019: Adam and Anna Bradley (Tavistock); Michael Afar and Lily Khalili (Dalkeith); Carlo Agrusa, George Bochorishvili and Lela Dekano (Bentley); Mark and Kate D'Andrea (Glenroy); Aaron and Katie Edwards (Bentley); Kevin and Rena Gu (Greenfield); Benjamin and Tiffany Helfman (Glenroy); Ian and Kara Hollinger (Bentley); Chapin and Amanda Hunt (Bronwood); Sean Mahsoul and Natalie Niadj (Cashmere); Jim and Sarah Nassiri (Thurston); Kerry Norris and Adam Wright (Sunset); John and Sandi Nutt (Cashmere); Justin Wagner and Adrienne Keener (Cashmere Terrace); Richard Pinckert and Elizabeth Waldeck (Thurston); Benjamin and Meredith Winston (Bronwood) and Jonathan York (Greenfield).

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President's Annual Message...



In the Fall of 2019, in my first Annual Message as President of the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association, I quoted Coretta Scott King, who wrote that the "greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Who could have imagined that a few months later our community, like the rest of the world, would be devastated by a deadly pandemic which by the latest count has killed over 350,000 people in the United States and over 1.8 million worldwide? Tragically these death tolls will be higher by the time you read this newsletter, as COVID 19 kills someone in the United States every 30 seconds.

Our neighborhood has not been spared the ravages of COVID 19. But we have also seen so many examples of the "compassionate actions" Mrs. King spoke about. Rainbows appeared in windows and adorable messages were chalked on sidewalks. We learned of a generous person who sewed 100 face masks to give to neighbors and to share at nearby UCLA hospitals. People volunteered to buy groceries for elderly and at-risk neighbors. Many checked in to see if their neighbors were okay. Others dropped off surprise treats. Some provided books for neighbors without computers. And of course, many of our neighbors are doctors and healthcare professionals at UCLA and other medical facilities who have valiantly showed up day after day to treat and care for the sick and dying. I'm sure you know of other acts of kindness during this scourge. And in the midst of all this, it was announced that one of our neighbors was awarded a Nobel Prize!

During these very difficult times, within the bounds of the public health protocols, we encourage you and your families to be active and compassionate members of our community, to help your neighbors, to volunteer when opportunities present themselves, to engage with elected officials on issues that affect our neighborhood, and beyond all this to seek out opportunities in the wider community and throughout Southern California. Please check out the resource information and links on pages 7-8 of this newsletter.

A homeowners association such as ours plays an increasingly vital function in our complex society, as our neighborhood is challenged by the same issues that confront our region and other communities: increasingly dense population, our interaction with a major educational institution such as UCLA, regional traffic and infrastructure issues, and the impact of freeway and subway construction. In all this, we need to interact with a complex (and sometimes conflicting) set of jurisdictions—City, State, Caltrans, Metro, Federal, and law enforcement.

Despite the pandemic, Westwood Hills continues to be a beautiful and vibrant community that attracts energetic and active new homeowners and families who contribute to making this a thriving neighborhood. We learned this year how fortunate we are to be so close to contactless grocery and other stores, take-out restaurants, medical facilities, a post office, and a library. We extend a warm and embracing welcome to everyone who has moved in during the last year. And even as we take pride in our community, we recognize there are so many other communities that are suffering economically and that had been struggling even before the pandemic.

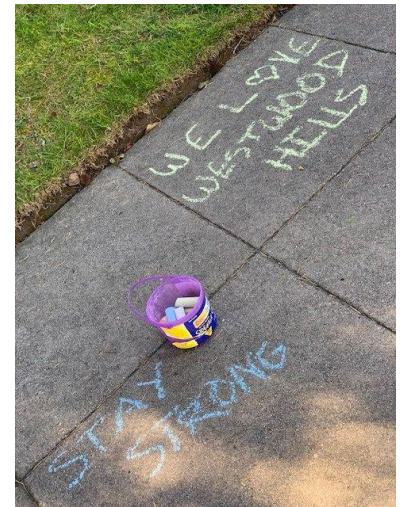
Let me again thank all of the hardworking and talented members of our Board of Directors who graciously volunteer their time and expertise in a wide variety of roles, from representing our neighborhood before various governmental bodies, which are helping to keep our community safe and well informed about matters of public interest, to responding to inquiries on a myriad of issues, to providing an online clearinghouse for information on services and opportunities to help improve the experience of living in Westwood Hills.

Due to the pandemic, our **Annual Meeting** will be held **online** on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, on Zoom**. We encourage everyone—and especially our newest neighbors—to attend to hear about important local issues from local officials and law enforcement representatives, ask questions, and elect Board members. To allow our speakers to prepare and to help us keep the meeting to one hour, we request that you submit your questions via the online email network by January 20. We will also have a **Zoom Training** session **online** on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm** for those less familiar with this resource, to encourage all of you to attend and participate.

I look forward to seeing you on January 27, as we all continue to work together to make Westwood Hills a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Best regards and stay safe.

Stephen Rohde – President



WHPOA Annual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm to approximately 8:00 pm (you can sign in beginning at 6:45)

Sign in: Via Zoom invitation which will be emailed to you once you register

Registration: Fill out the registration form which will be sent to you via the WHPOA email network. You must register in order to attend (this is because we will be voting for board members).

Agenda: Introductory Remarks by WHPOA President Stephen Rohde
Election of WHPOA Board Members
Speakers: Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz
Captain Jonathan Tom
Sr. Lead Officer Pete Ojeda

Special thank you to outgoing Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale

Questions: Please submit any questions you may have for our speakers via the email network at info@whpoa.org by January 20, 2021 so the speakers can be prepared to respond.

Zoom Training Session for Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Sign in: Via Zoom invitation which will be mailed to all WHPOA members on the email network

If you have any questions about how to access Zoom, please feel free to contact one of the email network moderators at info@whpoa.org and we will get you the assistance you need to be able to participate.

Candidates for Election to WHPOA Board

Each year at our Annual Meeting, **WHPOA** votes to elect members to serve on its **Board of Directors** for the coming year. Our slate of current members who are candidates for election to two-year Board terms beginning January 2021 are: **Margot Barron** (Tavistock), **Nabiha Basathia** (South Glenroy), **Judith Summers Brown** (Bentley), **Robert Edelstein** (Cashmere), **Deborah Nussbaum** (Cashmere Terrace), **Susan Polep** (Barlock), **Stephen Rohde** (Montana), **Melanie Spiller** (Tilden), **Terry Tegnazian** (Cashmere) and **Sherry West** (Montana).

Margot Barron - A long-time resident of Tavistock, Margot, a CPA, is involved in many community organizations and has ably served WHPOA in the demanding role of Treasurer.

Nabiha Basathia - Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Nabiha graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Economics. Formerly an Investment Banker at Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, she has taken a break to raise her three boys. She and her family have lived on South Glenroy for five years.

Judith Summers Brown - Judy is a long-time resident of Bentley Avenue. Many know Judy as the neighborhood yoga teacher. She holds certifications in Iyengar Yoga and Yoga Therapeutics. Judy sits on several Boards, including the Iyengar Yoga Institute, L.A. and the Village Church in Brentwood Glen. She has a BS degree in psychology from the State University of NY, Buffalo.

Robert Edelstein - Robert has a long connection with Westwood Hills, having grown up here. He and his wife Julie bought a house on Cashmere Street, where they live with their two young children. Robert graduated from USC in 1995, receiving his BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. He is currently a Managing Director of ICG Advisors, LLC.

Deborah Nussbaum - Debbie ably represents our neighborhood as chair of our traffic committee. She serves as our liaison with all the various government agencies on Metro subway construction, 405 construction follow-up, and a host of other traffic and transportation issues. Debbie also acts as a co-moderator of our WHPOA email network. She lives on Cashmere Terrace.

Susan Polep - A long-time resident of Barlock Ave. and former LAUSD teacher, Sue serves as recording secretary for the WHPOA Board and maintains the important records of the Association.

Stephen Rohde - Steve is a retired civil rights lawyer and resident on Montana Ave. His focus on the Board has been city government, and political and legal strategies. Steve is currently president of WHPOA.

Melanie Spiller - Melanie hails from South Orange, New Jersey. Having attended Boston University and the Fashion Institute of Technology, Melanie started her career as a wardrobe person in film and television in New York. She and her husband bought their house on Tilden six years ago.

Terry Tegnazian - Terry served as president of WHPOA for eleven years. In 2001 she created and, since that time, has been co-moderator of our Westwood Hills email network. An attorney by training, Terry is co-founder and president of Aquila Polonica Publishing. In 2008, Terry and her husband launched the L.A. Musical Salon, a local nonprofit that sponsors free music programs at the library in Westwood. Terry has lived on Cashmere Street, north of Montana, for more than thirty years.

Sherry West - Sherry and her husband John are long time and passionate Westwood Hills residents. She has enjoyed her role on the Board as an advocate on behalf of our neighborhood, especially in matters involving UCLA's expansion plans.

Directors who will be serving the second year of their two-year terms are:

- Valerie Cohen (Tavistock)
- Tracey Fitzgerald (Cashmere St.)
- Sam Grayeli (Veteran)
- Carol Lifland (Bronwood)
- Frank Ponder (Homedale)
- Jane Schwab (Bronwood)
- Julia Shuart (Veteran)
- Eric Tung (Bronwood)
- Chuck Vogel (Bentley)

Exits and Entrances

Exits are sometimes sad, and so it is with the departure of **our former Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale** after fourteen years.

Chris is retiring from LAPD after a thirty-one-year career in law enforcement. Originally from Los Angeles, he joined LAPD in March of 1989. Working a variety of assignments, he was promoted to Senior Lead Officer in 1998 and came to the Westwood, Bel Air and Beverly Crest Communities in 2006. During his time as our SLO, we found Chris to be a man of character whose knowledge and leadership helped to make our community a safer and better place in which to live and work. It is with a great deal of appreciation that we would like to thank Chris and wish him well in his retirement. Chris will be missed.

Westwood Hills is fortunate to have two new faces joining us.

First is **Captain Jonathan Tom** who is the captain of the West Los Angeles Community Police Station. Captain Tom graduated from University High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from USC before joining the police force.

Captain Tom has worked assignments in all four geographic bureaus of LAPD. He has had the opportunity to work with the different communities served by the Department and has served in leadership positions during special events, including moving the Space Shuttle Endeavour to the California Science Center. We are fortunate to have Captain Tom join us in Westwood Hills.

Next is our new **Senior Lead Officer, Pete Ojeda**. Pete, from Porterville, California, moved to Los Angeles in 1984. Joining the Los Angeles Police Department eighteen years ago, he completed his probation in the Central Division and then came out to the West LA Division where he has worked numerous assignments, culminating in his current position as the Senior Lead Officer for Westwood Hills!

Captain Tom and SLO Ojeda, we welcome you to Westwood Hills and we look forward to working with you.

Jane Mintz Schwab - WHPOA Security Chair

Safety and Security

Recognizing that we have many new homeowners in the neighborhood, I found it best to review some basic safety and security information.

Sanitation: From time to time some of our neighbors have had trouble with rats. Some of the causes:

- 1.) Construction. This brings out the rats as their habitat is being disturbed.
- 2.) Overgrown vegetation. This provides hiding and nesting places as well as access to your home! If you have branches growing close to, or over your home, rats have a pathway to enter your house.
- 3.) Food and water left outside. Food and unsecured garbage attract rats. Unfortunately, so does fallen fruit from your citrus trees as well as your vegetable gardens.

Some acceptable solutions:

- 1.) Examine your property for places of access to the house and close up all holes. An extermination company can help you with this.
- 2.) Cut back vegetation around your house (also important for fire prevention and to discourage prowlers).
- 3.) Do not leave food and water outside for pets. It can attract coyotes, rats and other wildlife.
- 4.) Keep garbage and garden debris in receptacles with tight-fitting lids.
- 5.) Use spring traps!!!! They can be baited with dried cranberries. If you have an extermination company on monthly retainer, they will check the traps, and remove any rats that have been caught. If you sense that there is a rat or rats before the monthly visit, call and they will come out earlier. These traps must be hidden where dogs cannot get to them.

NO POISON PLEASE! No one wants rats in their house, but please do NOT use poison, either in the form of pellets or bait boxes. Poison pellets are a danger to your children and pets who may think that they are treats.

Bait boxes are bad for our environment as the rats crawl into them, eat the bait and crawl out only to die somewhere else. The dead rats are consumed by dogs, cats, coyotes, hawks and other wildlife. Except for roadkill caused by animals attempting to cross the freeway, the bait used for bait boxes is one of the largest contributing factors to the death of the endangered cougars living in our nearby mountains.

Theft:

From cars: Theft from automobiles seems to be on the rise throughout the city. There are some simple things you can do to prevent this from happening to you. LOCK IT. HIDE IT. KEEP IT.

- Lock your car and DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN PLAIN SIGHT.
- Take all important items out of the car and bring them inside.
- NEVER leave key fobs in the car. Account for and secure extra keys in the house.
- Close all windows completely.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Consider adding a visible or audible anti-theft device to your car.

Package theft: Beware of Porch Pirates! If you are expecting packages and won't be there to receive them, ask a neighbor to take them for you. If you are expecting UPS or FedEx, track the packages.

Property Safety: Install SURVEILLANCE/SECURITY CAMERAS

Alarms: Insure they are in working order and set when you aren't home. Accessible upstairs doors and windows should have alarm sensors and upstairs rooms should have motion detectors to include master bedroom. The alarms can be set even if you are at home or in the back yard, especially if you are alone.

Alarm Response: Consider a private patrol alarm-response company.

Motion Sensor Lighting: Install this outside your home to illuminate normally dark areas around the house. Make sure that shrubs and foliage are trimmed and away from the house so no one can hide in them.

Door, Window and Gate Locks: All doors, windows and gates should have locking mechanisms.

Make It Look Like You're Home...even when you are not.

Monitor Suspicious Activities in your neighborhood and alert your neighbors. Should the activity escalate to a crime about to occur, a crime in progress or a crime that has just occurred, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

Emergency numbers:

EMERGENCY: 911; NON-EMERGENCY: 1-877-275-5273

All other city services: 311

Senior Lead Officer: Pete Ojeda, West Los Angeles Community Police Station:

Office: 1-310-444-0741

Email: 36393@lapd.online

Website: www.lapdonline.org

Jane Mintz Schwab - WHPOA Security Chair

Bad Housing Bills Tried to Eliminate Single-Family Neighborhoods

During its 2019–2020 session, the California legislature worked to eliminate single-family neighborhoods like Westwood Hills with a package of nine housing bills that would, among other things, permit multifamily buildings on single-family lots, destroying R-1 single-family neighborhoods throughout the state.

Led by Democratic Senators Scott Wiener (San Francisco), Toni Atkins (San Diego, who also happens to be President Pro Tem of the Senate) and their allies, four Senate bills and five Assembly bills were introduced. These ill-considered bills progressed through the legislature with virtually no public notice, during the spring and summer while the public and media were distracted by the COVID-19 pandemic, civil protests and resulting severe economic disruption.

Thanks to an amazing last-minute effort by California citizens and community organizations, led in part by nonprofit Livable California, seven of the nine bills were defeated in the legislature—including the most destructive to single-family neighborhoods, SB 1120, which would have permitted four to eight units on every single-family lot by right.

Senator Atkins has promised to introduce similar bills targeting single-family neighborhoods in the new legislative session – and in fact, two bills resurrecting the worst of the defeated 2020 bills have already been introduced: SB9 and SB10. So we must be prepared to once again lobby hard in order to protect our neighborhood.

For more info, go to <https://whpoa.org/legislative-summary-9-bad-housing-bills/>

Metro pushes ahead with Purple Line Subway construction and plans for a Sepulveda Pass Transit project.

Work support zones for the Purple Line Subway station construction have been created, one for the Westwood/UCLA station on the UCLA Lot 36 ((corner of Wilshire and Veteran) and a construction zone on the VA property (south side of Wilshire between Federal and Bonsall) to support the construction of the VA property Purple Line Subway station and the terminus for the tunneling equipment.

Construction of the Westwood/UCLA Station Box starts with driving support piles to create an envelope that will surround the underground subway station box, followed by excavating dirt from the future station area. This work is set to start Spring 2021 and last until Spring 2022. During this 12+ month period, Wilshire Blvd. will be reconfigured with fewer lanes and the excavation “PIT” section of Wilshire Blvd. (Westwood Blvd. to mid-block Veteran Ave to Gayley Ave.) will be protected by cement K-rail.

Sometime in Spring 2022 to Fall 2022, the excavation pit will be covered with decking and at this point Wilshire Blvd. will be returned to its normal traffic lane configuration. From Fall 2022 until the Purple Line Subway station completion in 2026, most construction activities will be done underground and will not affect traffic on Wilshire Blvd. Detailed information from Metro’s November 2020 webinar covering all 3 sections of the Purple Line Subway can be found at: <https://media.metro.net/2020/community-webinar-ple-2020-1111.pdf> - information on Section 3 (Westwood & VA Property section) can be found on page 86-112.

Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) & First/Last Mile

Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) and First/Last Mile are two terms to become familiar with; they will both play a role in the future look and function of Westwood Village. The Metro Board adopted the groundbreaking [TOC Policy](#) in June 2018

which includes land-use planning and community development policies that maximize access to transit as a key organizing principle and acknowledge mobility as an integral part of the urban fabric. TOCs promote equity and sustainable living by offering a mix of uses close to transit to support households at all income levels, as well as building densities, parking policies, urban design elements, and first/last mile facilities that support ridership and reduce auto dependency.

Metro's [First/Last Mile program](#) develops plans and implements strategies to provide transit users with safer, more efficient and direct connections to and from transit stations. These typically focus on enhancements to streets to facilitate access to transit for people walking or using rolling modes (bikes, skateboards, wheelchairs, scooters). First/Last Mile strategies also include visual aesthetics, technology tools, and facilities for making modal connections (pick-up/drop-off, bike share, transit, etc.) Details for the Westwood Village plan included bike lanes on both Westwood Blvd and Gayley Ave. and can be found at <http://media.metro.net/2020/PLE-2%263-FLM-Plan-Final-May2020.pdf>, pages 15-17, & 24.

Sepulveda Pass Transit Project

Metro continues to explore design options for the Sepulveda Pass Transit Projects. Metro has narrowed the project to 4 tentative designs before opening up the bidding to outside companies to design and build the project as a Public Private Partner (P3's). Two of the P3's designs will be added for consideration for this project. UCLA has requested a station stop be included on the campus. Metro is expected to share all 6 design routes and options with the greater community this spring. Until then we don't know the route or if any or all of the Sepulveda Pass Transit Project will be underground, aerial, or a combination. Additional information can be found at: http://media.metro.net/projects_studies/sfv-405/images/presentation_sepulveda_transit_corridor_2019-0724.pdf.

Debbie Nussbaum - WHPOA Traffic and Transit Chair

New in Westwood Village 2020

We'd like to thank and acknowledge the valiant Westwood Village businesses who have served us throughout this challenging year, heroically changing business models, adjusting to contactless pick-up and delivery, and offering outdoor dining. Thanks to you all. For those whose doors remain closed, we miss you and wish you well. On the positive side, in early March Westwood Village welcomed a wonderful new full-service restaurant, **Violet Bistro**, to a beautifully remodeled site at 1121 Glendon Ave. In addition to food and bar, Violet also offers cooking classes and a shop. Around the corner at Glendon and Kinross **Heather Taylor Home** continues selling lovely textiles and home furnishings. Further north on Glendon, **Fellow** has reopened for fine dining and also has opened an art gallery in an adjacent space.

Other new and recently reopened Westwood Village businesses include **Angeles Academy of Music**, 10921 Weyburn Ave., now fully online, and **The Print Center**, 10933 Weyburn. For casual dining, new on Weyburn Ave. are **Krispy Rice** and **Meet Fresh**; on Broxton Ave. are **J'Adore by Mr. Habibi**, **Northern Café Chinese Hot Pot**, **Prince of Venice Restaurant** and **Westside Wangz & Thangz**; and on Kinross, **Nick the Greek**. In addition, we can look forward to the opening of several new businesses now under construction.

Who's Who in Westwood Village

If you want to join the conversation about the future of Westwood Village, a good place to start is with our Councilmember Paul Koretz, who represents our Council District 5 area on the City Council. The Councilmember is the point person with the City on key proposals such as changes to the area zoning and planning overlay known as the Westwood Village Specific Plan, and on proposals to change the existing traffic grid. His local deputy is Jasmine Shamolian, jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org. Councilmember Koretz maintains an informative website at <http://www.councilmemberpaulkoretz.com> and recently circulated an informative Special Newsletter on Homelessness available on-line at <http://j.mp/2JhfE7M>.

2020 Westwood Hills Property Owners Association

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The Westwood Village Improvement Association (WVIA) is the City-authorized Business Improvement District (BID) entity for the Village. It operates a “clean, safe, and beautiful” program, employs an outreach coordinator to work with the Village’s homeless and organizes special events. WVIA supported the recent student-led effort to create a new neighborhood council by removing Westwood Village and environs from the larger community-wide **Westwood Neighborhood Council, (WWNC)** to create a new **North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC)**. For more information regarding WVIA or Westwood Village, visit thewestwoodvillage.com or email info@thewestwoodvillage.com.

Other local organizations represent communities with an important stake in what happens in Westwood Village. In addition to **WHPOA**, these include three other property-owners associations: **Westwood Homeowners Association (WHA)** and **Comstock Hills Homeowners Association CHHA**, representing homeowners south of Wilshire Blvd. and **Holmby-Westwood Property Association (HWPOA)**, representing homeowners northeast of UCLA. In addition, there are the **Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC)**, an official organization of the City of Los Angeles with a jurisdiction that includes all of Westwood except for the area claimed by the NWWNC; and the **Westwood Community Council**, a broad-based independent, volunteer community organization established to provide a forum for discussion of important local issues.

Not a Member Yet?

It's easy to join. If you own a home in Westwood Hills you are qualified to become a member of WHPOA, which is staffed entirely by volunteers. There is no paid staff and there are NO annual dues. A one-time membership fee of \$200 entitles you to WHPOA membership as long as you own your home in Westwood Hills. You can join online by logging on at <https://whpoa.org> and choosing “membership” from the menu or by emailing info@whpoa.org.

Why Join?

Your membership helps to keep Westwood Hills a wonderful area in which to live. In addition to its location close to so many of the Southland's cultural and historical landmarks, as well as UCLA's thriving campus, Westwood Hills is among the safest areas in the city, and the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association (WHPOA) works diligently with local law enforcement to keep it that way.

WHPOA also works with our LA County and LA City elected representatives, as well as UCLA, Westwood Village and City and State departments and agencies, to mitigate potential problems, especially those that we believe will drive more traffic through our neighborhood. We also promote a Neighborhood Watch program—to help neighbors get to know each other and to keep our neighborhood safe.

To keep our neighborhood connected, WHPOA maintains a neighborhood **Email Network**, open only to members of the Association and their tenants, that links neighbor to neighbor and provides up-to-the-minute information about local issues, including police and traffic alerts, recommendations for services or workmen, lost pet notices, and more. The email network is fully moderated by volunteer moderators.

More than 83% of your neighbors in Westwood Hills are members of WHPOA. Only with an active membership can we sustain the Association and have a positive effect on issues of importance to our community. We look forward to welcoming you to WHPOA!

myLA311 Works -- Ask WHPOA Volunteers



Use <https://myla311.lacity.org/> to request city services, including removal of illegally dumped items and trash, pothole and small asphalt repair, removal of bulky items (mattresses) or appliances (refrigerators) from your home. You may also report abandoned vehicles, homeless encampments, and request graffiti removal. Reports may be made via phone (by calling 311) or by computer. Most convenient is via the handy **myLA311** app available for download to your smartphone.