



WESTWOOD HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - FALL 2021

WHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday
November 8, 2021**

7:00 – 8:15pm

(6:45 check-in)

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

James Allen
WLA LAPD
Senior Lead Officer

Glyssa Robles
Metro Representative

WHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting: Your attendance matters

Your input and feedback at our WHPOA Annual Meeting are 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 outgoing **5th District Councilmember Paul Koretz** as our featured speaker. In addition, we will be hearing from **WLA LAPD Commanding Officer Captain Jonathan Tom**, our new **LAPD Senior Lead Officer James Allen** and a representative of **Metro**.

Councilman Koretz will speak about topics of interest to our community, including the pending redistricting proposals, the initiative to rezone single-family property in Westwood Hills to multi-family, resolutions to address homelessness, the Westwood Village Specific Plan, and more. Our new LAPD Commanding Officer and Senior Lead Officer will address local crime issues and what we can do to make our neighborhood even safer. The representative from Metro will address the ongoing construction of the Purple Line and local Metro stations. We will also be electing members to the WHPOA Board.

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 WHPOA from October 2020 through September 2021: Renee Bailey and Keith Cohen (Thurston), Samantha Seltzer (Glenroy), Allison Corrigan (Tilden), John and Fredda Ellis (Bronwood), Ira Klein and Sarah Kate McGowan (Ophir), Adam and Ellen Klein (Tavistock), Justin and Kelly Griffin (Tavistock), Kenny and Elizabeth Crews (Dalkeith), Lara Dolecek and Tyson Condie (Ophir), Bart and Andrea Bortnick (Veteran), Steven Schaffer and Debra Barach (Veteran), Manju Reddy and T. Pulavarti (Dalkeith), Aaron and Stacie Cohen (Cashmere Terrace), Greg and Lisa Hendey (Levering), Justin Wagner and Adrienne Keener (Cashmere Terrace), Kevin and Rena Gu (Greenfield), Adam and Anna Spain Bradley (Tavistock), Mark and Kate D’Andrea (Glenroy), Benjamin and Meredith Winston (Bronwood), Jonathan York (Greenfield) and Jim and Sarah Nassiri (Thurston).

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President's Annual Message...



Last year, in my second Annual Message as President of the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association, I wrote: "Who could have imagined" 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." Today the number of deaths in our country has doubled to more than 700,000 and worldwide the figure is over 4.55 million.

So, for the second time in a row, our Annual Meeting on November 8 will be held online from 7:00 to 8:15 pm, as we continue to play it safe and avoid large indoor gatherings.

A bright spot is that safe and effective vaccines are now available and eligible neighbors are getting vaccinations and booster shots.

During these very difficult times, within the bounds of the public health protocols, we continue to encourage you and your families to get vaccinated, to follow strict mask protocols, 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 to help protect and improve the lives of everyone.

It's important to remember that homeowners associations such as ours play an increasingly vital function in our complex society, as our neighborhood is challenged by the same issues that confront our region and other communities: affordable housing, homelessness, increasingly dense population, our interaction with a major educational institution - 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 with 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 extend a warm and embracing welcome to everyone who has moved in during the past year. And even as we take pride in our community, we recognize that 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.

We encourage everyone—and especially our newest neighbors—to attend our **Annual Meeting online on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 7:00 to 8:15 pm**, on Zoom to hear about important local issues from local officials and law enforcement representatives, to ask questions, and to 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 November 1. We will also have a **Zoom Training Session online on Monday, November 1, 2021, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm** for those less familiar with this resource, to encourage all of you to attend and participate.

I look forward to seeing you on November 8, 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: Monday, November 8, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm to approximately 8:15 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

LAPD Captain Jonathan Tom

LAPD Sr. Lead Officer James Allen

Metro Principal Community Relations Officer Glyssa Robles

Questions: Please submit any questions you may have for our speakers via the email network at info@whpoa.org by November 1, 2021, so that the speakers can be prepared to respond.

Zoom Training Session for Annual Meeting

Date: Monday, November 1, 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 2022 are: **Valerie Cohen** (Tavistock), **Tracey Fitzgerald** (Cashmere) **Sam Grayeli** (Veteran), **Carol Lifland** (Bronwood), **Frank Ponder** (Homedale), **Jane Schwab** (Bronwood), **Julia Stuart** (Veteran) and **Charles Vogel** (Bentley).

Valerie Cohen - A resident of Tavistock, Valerie and her husband, Brad, moved to Westwood Hills in 2015. A retired lawyer, Valerie was a former chair of the Board of Directors for the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law and served on the board of the Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association. Currently, she serves as a docent for schoolchildren visiting both the Getty Center and the Getty Villa.

Tracey Fitzgerald - Tracey is a lifelong resident of Westwood Hills, and lives on Cashmere. Since 2019, she has ably represented our neighborhood on the governing board of the Westwood Neighborhood Council and is also a member of the Westwood Rec Park Board.

Sam Grayeli - Sam is a resident of Veteran Avenue, south of Montana with his wife, Shelby, and their two daughters. He serves as managing partner of BRC Advisors, a commercial real estate company. A graduate of UCLA ('99), Sam was also a member of the UCLA Water Polo team that won "back-to-back" NCAA National Championships in 1995 (CAL Berkeley) & 1996 (USC).

Carol Lifland - Carol is one of the four co-moderators of the email network. As Communications Chair, she also edits and publishes the annual WHPOA newsletter. A retired attorney, Carol and her husband have lived on Bronwood Ave. since 1989.

Frank Ponder - A resident of Homedale and former Westwood Village businessman (Bel Air Camera), Frank offers the Board his perspective and expertise in matters relating to the Village.

Jane Schwab - A UCLA graduate and long-time resident of Bronwood Ave., Jane was a teacher for over 33 years in LAUSD. She now serves as Security Chair for the WHPOA and is our primary liaison with LAPD.

Julia Stuart - Julia grew up in Westwood, graduating from UCLA and receiving a masters in Landscape Architecture from Harvard in 2007. Living on Veteran, Julia is currently on the Westwood Community Design Review Board and worked with the WHPOA to decrease the impact of UCLA's recently completed dormitory/Lot 15 project and improve the street lighting on Veteran.

Charles Vogel - Chuck and his wife, Miriam, have lived in Westwood Hills since 1991. A graduate of UCLA School of Law, he was a presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 4, retiring "around 2003." Following that, he was a mediator and arbitrator with JAMS until he finally "retired for real" in July of 2016.

Continuing in the second year of their two-year terms are **Margot Barron** (Tavistock), **Judith Summers Brown** (Bentley), **Robert Edelstein** (Cashmere), **Debbie Nussbaum** (Cashmere Terrace), **Sue Polep** (Barlock), **Stephen Rohde** (Montana), **Melanie Spiller** (Tilden), **Terry Tegnazian** (Cashmere) and **Sherry West** (Montana).

Safety and Security

Westwood Hills is fortunate to have an excellent relationship with our LAPD partners, who will be with us at our annual meeting to discuss safety and security concerns and priorities.

Captain Jonathan Tom is the captain of the West Los Angeles Community Police Station.

New this year is our **Senior Lead Officer, James Allen**.

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

Emergency numbers

EMERGENCIES IN PROGRESS: Call 911

- Life-threatening emergencies in progress needing police, paramedics or LAFD.
- For things like a shooting, heart attack, home invasion or fire.
- Report should include: YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EMERGENCY.
- Based on your description, the operator will determine if you need LAPD or LAFD.
- DO NOT HANG UP!!!!

Please note: if you call 911 from a cell phone, the call will be routed through the nearest cell tower which may send it to either the CHP or LAPD operator.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: 1-877-ASK LAPD (1-877-5273)

- Non-emergencies such as loud parties, verbal disputes, public nuisance.
- Once you get an operator and report an incident, remember to get the "INCIDENT NUMBER" which will ensure the report is recorded.
- The non-emergency line often requires a long wait time, sometimes as long as 45 minutes. You are encouraged NOT TO HANG UP!
- Depending on the incident, the operator may ask you to use the new Community Online Reporting System ("CORS").
- Many incidents can be efficiently reported using CORS.

COMMUNITY ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM (CORS): https://lapdonline.org/home/content_basic-view/60409

- Go to [File A Police Report Online - Los Angeles Police Department](#).
- Crimes that can be reported on CORS include harassing phone calls, lost property, vandalism, theft, theft from vehicles, minor traffic collision, hit and run. To see other criteria, go to the link above for details.
- LAPD usually will not send an officer out to investigate these reported incidents, but will review your submission and, if approved, will issue a final police report that you can use with your insurance company.
- The CORS system allows you to upload both videos and photos.

PLEASE NOTE: THE LOBBY at the WEST LAPD STATION will be staffed only during regular weekday business hours and will be closed at night and on the weekends. More information can be obtained at:

https://www.lapdonline.org/west_la_community_police_station.

MyLA 311 (the app) – use 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, standing water, non-functioning streetlights and requests for graffiti removal. You can also call 311 or go online to <https://myla311.lacity.org>.

Important LAPD Contacts:

Captain Jonathan Tom 32993@lapd.online He is most attentive and often reachable.

SLO James Allen 39318@lapd.online He is our new Senior Lead Officer. He will respond by email.

Office: 1-310-444-0741; LAPD Community Relations Office: 1-310-444-0748

Email: 39318@lapd.online

Website: www.lapdonline.org

SLO Matt Kirk 34713@lapd.online He is the Senior Lead Officer for Brentwood who keeps Terry abreast of things.

Brian Espin 37430@lapd.online He frequently fills in for our SLO when James is on assignment elsewhere.

Scott Alpert 36921@lapd.online He is a sergeant who supervises all the Senior Lead Officers in West LAPD

Jane Mintz Schwab - WHPOA Security Chair

New Lighting to be Installed on Veteran

Thanks to the persistence of two of our dedicated WHPOA Board members, Julia Shuart and Sherry West, the lighting on Veteran, north of Montana, will be brighter and more uniform in the near future.

People tend to speed on their way up to Sunset when leaving UCLA in the evening. With lighting only on the west side of the street and homeless individuals often seen walking up the darkened street, safety has been a concern for both cars and pedestrians.

Working with UCLA Vice Chancellor Michael Beck, Julia and Sherry tried to see if light fixtures could be installed on the east (UCLA) side of the street to match those on the west side. They were informed that this could not be done as there were too many underground utilities on the east side of the street and not enough space to install footings and electrical lines. Vice Chancellor Beck offered another solution. He suggested that UCLA mount lighting on the existing fence between the sidewalk and UCLA's property. A small section of lights was installed for Julia and Sherry to approve as to both spacing and color of light. After viewing three different layouts, they agreed upon lights spaced every 100 feet with about 7 lights in total between Montana and Sunset. That configuration provides enough illumination to suggest light and enhance safety but does not illuminate every foot of the pathway. The hope is that these lights will be installed soon and that they will provide more safety for pedestrians and drivers as well as look more appealing at night, especially in the winter.

Jane Mintz Schwab - WHPOA Security Chair

Westwood Village: Seems like Old Times (Almost)

It's a sunny Saturday afternoon and Westwood is humming. Diners fill tables in new *al fresco* dining areas throughout the Village; the **Geffen Theater** is gearing up for a matinee; pedestrians stroll the boulevard on their way to a members preview at the **Hammer Museum** or a movie at the reopened **Landmark**, **Fox** or **Bruin** theaters; students sample donuts at **Primo's Donuts**, (replacing Stan's); the **Angeles Academy of Music** is open; visitors shop at **FLAX** on Gayley. Later some may head for Westwood Village's sensational new and re-opened full-service restaurants—**Violet Bistro** and **Fellow**—on Glendon Ave.

Or they may visit the valiant Westwood Village businesses that never closed—those that served us throughout this challenging year, changing business models, adjusting to contactless pick-up and delivery, and offering outdoor dining. These heroes have been joined by new businesses including **Lazy Daisy** at Kinross and Gayley, **Alfred Coffee** at Westwood and Lindbrook and **Bluestone Lane** at Westwood and Weyburn. A restaurant called **Hibachi Papi** has opened at 920 Broxton, joining **CPK** and **Prince of Venice**.

Coming soon: A gym called **Sender One** on Lindbrook, restaurants **Dan Huang** and **Sweetgreens** on Gayley near Kinross, and the big event of the food year--**Alice Water's yet unnamed new restaurant at the Hammer Museum**, replacing the departed Audrey's.

Visitors will miss the service and retail businesses that closed during the past year, most of which won't reopen. Sadly, these include Sur la Table, Paper Source, MAC, ATT, and too many others.

Property owners are counting on UCLA's expansion of on campus housing (1600 beds this quarter and more to come in January), coupled with its increased presence in Westwood where it is now the third largest property owner, and the promise of a Metro link to make the area attractive to tenants.

The property owners' managing entity, the Westwood Village Improvement Association (WVIA) is seeking to eliminate planning and zoning requirements that were put into effect in 1989 to restore a balanced mix of uses—think grocery stores

and retail—to a Westwood business district then in danger of being overrun by souvenir shops and fast food establishments. Among the WVIA targets are requirements for signage review and City review of alcoholic beverage permits.

Elsewhere, with a boost from Metro and UCLA, the WVIA is installing new lights and decorated pavement on Broxton Ave. as part of a plan to create a pedestrian plaza closed to cars on part of the street. Other moves to make the Village more pedestrian-friendly are under review.

Redistricting Update

Thanks to everyone who emailed or called the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission to urge members to vote in favor of a redistricting plan that includes Westwood area neighborhoods in a single district south of Mulholland and east of the 405. That Plan, dubbed Map K-2.5, was approved to be submitted for public review and comment at four public meetings in October. A final map, incorporating changes based on hearing testimony, is scheduled to go to the Los Angeles City Council at the end of October. WHPOA will be calling on you for support during this very important process. The new Council District boundaries will go into effect January 1, 2022. If Map K-2.5 is approved, Westwood Hills will remain in Council District 5. At a hearing on October 13, however, MALDEF presented an alternative map that it argued is more compliant with the voting rights act. The MALDEF proposed map creates a single cross-mountain district which would make Westwood a minority piece of a district dominated by San Fernando Valley communities. Stay tuned to the WHPOA email network for updates on this important issue.

Housing Bills SB9 and 10 Signed into Law

In September 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law two housing bills SB9 (Senator Atkins) and SB10 (Senator Wiener) which effectively eliminate single-family neighborhoods as a housing option throughout the state of California - every neighborhood would become multifamily. Neither bill required that new units be affordable.

The mayor of Redondo Beach is spearheading a ballot initiative to amend the California Constitution to clarify that, with limited exceptions, zoning and land use are local issues outside the jurisdiction of the state – which, if passed, would supersede these bills. It's called the "Californians for Community Planning Initiative" (CCPI), more info at <https://www.communitiesforchoice.org/>.

City Proposing to Rezone Westwood Hills as Multi-Family

Every 8 years, Los Angeles is required to produce a planning document called the Housing Element, demonstrating how it will plan and zone for enough development to house its 'fair share' of the state's population. As part of the Housing Element, Los Angeles must identify properties that could be developed to supply 455,000 new units of housing. It then has 3 years to rezone to accommodate the new housing. The Planning Commission is set to vote on the proposal on October 14, with the City Council scheduled to take it up shortly thereafter. Virtually every residential property in Westwood Hills has been identified by the planning commission as eligible for upzoning. The Board, and many neighbors, have submitted written comments to the planning commission, requesting that Westwood Hills addresses be removed from the list of addresses subject to upzoning due to various factors, including narrow and hilly roads, the potential destruction of a long-established single-family neighborhood, lack of infrastructure to support multi-family housing, availability of ADU's to provide additional housing, and other factors. Stay tuned for more developments via the WHPOA email network.

Homelessness

We are all aware of the acute issues regarding homelessness that have impacted our city and the homeless population that lives here. Earlier this month, our City Councilmember, Paul Koretz filed a Council Resolution to ban camping in and around Westwood Park. If approved by the City Council, law enforcement would use the engagement strategy now in effect for dealing with people experiencing homelessness (PEH) which involves targeted outreach, with a suitable offer of shelter, interim, or permanent housing. The Resolution will likely be taken up by the City Council in early November. The WHPOA Board plans to file comments in support of Councilmember Koretz' Resolution and will be encouraging neighbors to submit their comments as well.

Traffic – Metro Projects

Near Westwood Hills there are 3 big construction projects designed to make commuting time less of a time-consuming hassle. The Purple Line Subway is currently under construction and 2 additional projects are in the planning phase: the Sepulveda Pass Transit Project and the I-405 Pass Express Lane Project.

Subway Construction

The Purple (D) Line Subway construction has entered a phase where we will see and experience the construction of the Westwood/UCLA station, located under Wilshire Blvd. and stretching between Westwood Blvd. and Veteran Ave. A large crane is currently being used to drill and position 95-foot steel I-beams which will become part of the support shoring system for the station box. The I-beams are placed every 7 feet and more than 300 of them will need to be positioned. This work is done behind cement barricades (K-rail) which are currently placed along Wilshire Blvd. As work progresses to the southern edge of the station box shoring, the K-rail will need to be moved further out into the traffic lanes on Wilshire Blvd., reducing Wilshire Blvd. to a minimum of 2 lanes in each direction. There are 20 stages of pile installation and varying traffic patterns. This work will continue through at least fall 2022. Once the shoring is in place and metal plate decking can be positioned, Wilshire Blvd. will be returned to its full traffic configuration. Subway construction will continue underground with the subway set for completion in 2027. More details and timelines can be found at: <https://www.metro.net/projects/westside/#overview>.

Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor Project

This is a high-capacity rail line project to take cars off the road and provide more options for people traveling between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Two proposals are being studied. One option is an underground high speed heavy rail system and the other is a slower monorail along the 405. Any project above ground has the potential to affect Westwood Hills. UCLA has requested a station on the campus, where high ridership is expected. The first phase of this project, connecting the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, is slated to open for service between 2033-35. The second phase, between the Westside and LAX, is expected to open for service between 2057-59. A public lunchtime webinar is planned for October 26th, for those wanting more information. <https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>.

I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lane (Toll) Project

Metro is planning on converting 14 miles of HOV lanes between the I-10 and 101 freeways to toll lanes. Metro and Caltrans are evaluating 5 alternatives to convert the existing high-occupancy HOV lanes to dynamically priced, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, called Express Lanes, in both directions of I-405. The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project will include an overhead tolling system and signage on adjacent portions of the I-405 corridor. Alternatives 3,4, & 5 would require widening the I-405 and taking private property. The alternatives are:

- Alternative 1: The no build option.
- Alternative 2: Convert the HOV lanes on the 405 to one Express Lane in each direction.
- Alternative 3: Convert the HOV lanes on the 405 to two Express Lanes of non-standard lane widths in each direction.
- Alternative 4: Convert the HOV lanes on the 405 to two Express Lanes of standard lane widths in each direction.
- Alternative 5: Add a second HOV Lane to the 405 in both directions of non-standard lane and shoulder widths.

This project is targeted for completion in advance of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

<https://www.metro.net/projects/i-405-expresslanes-project/#overview>.

Debbie Nussbaum - WHPOA Traffic Committee Chair

Who's Who in Westwood

If you want to join the conversation about the future of Westwood Hills, 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>.

Councilman Koretz is term-limited and will not be running for re-election to the City Council in 2022. The primaries for City Council candidates from odd-numbered districts will be held on June 7, 2022, along with those for other general municipal offices including Mayor, City Controller and City Attorney. The general election will take place on November 8, 2022.

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. For more information regarding WVIA or Westwood Village, visit thewestwoodvillage.com or email info@thewestwoodvillage.com.

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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 **North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC)**, which represents the Westwood Village business district and UCLA area, 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 you community. We look forward to welcoming you to WHPOA!

WHPOA Needs Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help with various issues of interest to the community. This is a great way to get involved and meet wonderful neighbors. Areas of need include:

- Land Use and Planning: attend zoning and planning hearings, read reports and proposals, report to the Board and help draft community position letters.
- Traffic and Transit: attend public meetings, read reports and proposals, report to the Board, and help draft community position letters.
- Neighborhood Outreach: identify and welcome new neighbors, bring them into WHPOA, help organize neighborhood events.

Contact us via the email network – the moderators will refer you to the people who need your help.