

# WESTWOOD HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - FALL 2023

#### WHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday November 9, 2023

7:00 - 8:15pm

(6:45 check-in)

Via Zoom

Look for Registration.
Details Via the WHPOA
Email Network

#### **Agenda**

**Elections & Speakers** 

**Speakers** 

#### Katy Yaroslavsky

Councilmember 5<sup>th</sup> District

## Captain Richard Gabaldon

WLA LAPD Commanding Officer

**James Allen** 

WLA LAPD Senior Lead Officer

#### 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 new 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember, Katy Yaroslavsky as our featured speaker. In addition, we will be hearing from our new WLA LAPD Commanding Officer Captain Richard Gabaldon, and from our LAPD Senior Lead Officer James Allen.

Our new Councilmember will speak about topics of interest to our community, including the monitoring of affordable housing units now under construction, Los Angeles' compliance with the Housing Element, measures to address homelessness, the Metro proposals for the Sepulveda Pass, 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. 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 2022 through September 2023:

Geoffrey and Elizabeth Braiman (Ophir), Bridget and Donna Burns (Ophir), Rodrigo Mazon and Linda Cassio (Denslow), Orly and Ebby Davood (Veteran), Neil and Lindsey Garg (Bentley), Eli and Kimberly Greif (Glenroy), Evan and Jamie Grobecker (Bentley), Morgan Gubin (Bentley), Haley Hey and Matthew Haag (Bentley), Farhad and Rebecca Houriani (Bentley), Anna Lenfest (Veteran), Marc Liverant (Denslow), Stuart and Vanessa McLean (Barlock), Jason and Sanag Nazar (Denslow), Sam Keyvan and Tahoora Sadoughi (Dalkeith), Matthew and Amy Vandiver (Bronwood), Matthew and Jennifer Wollmann (Ophir) and Bo Wu (Bentley).

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## President's Annual Message...

Greetings Westwood Hills neighbors!

Please join me for the Westwood Hills Property Owners Association (WHPOA) Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be holding the meeting on Zoom, as we have done for the past couple of years. Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky will be our featured guest speaker, and we will be hearing from our new LAPD Area Captain Richard Gabaldon and from our Senior Lead Officer James Allen. We will also have a short business meeting to elect our slate of board members.

I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who serve on the WHPOA board. They follow city, county and state issues that impact our neighborhood, and they write letters and emails trying to protect our lovely single-family neighborhood. I would also like to thank all the people in the



neighborhood who emailed and called the council office until the graffiti along Sepulveda was finally painted out. A special thank you to Terry Tegnazian, chief email network moderator, as well as the other three moderators, who skillfully and faithfully answer questions and provide information on neighborhood issues.

We hear about California's housing crisis and read about new multi-unit buildings being built, but few of the units are being designated for low-income residents, the income level where housing is most scarce. SB9 and SB 10 took effect in January 2022, the California state legislature's approach to incentivizing the creation of additional housing by allowing lot-splitting and the building of two units on each new smaller lot. With these laws, the legislature effectively outlawed single-family neighborhoods in the state of California.

Further, every eight years, the state requires cities to plan housing for their growing populations. This year Los Angeles released RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) maps showing upzoning of sections of single-family neighborhoods throughout the city, but focusing mostly on the Westside. The maps focus on areas which the city believes are rich in job opportunities and resources. Three Westwood Hills streets, Veteran, Dalkeith and Thurston, are targeted for upzoning to allow multi-unit housing. We are fighting to have all three streets removed from the upzoning. We have met with City Planning and joined with United Neighborhoods, a coalition consisting of all the affected homeowners' associations in CD5, CD4 and CD 11, to redirect upzoning to business corridors, where there is plenty of room to build mixed-use buildings with retail on the bottom and housing above. An additional factor supporting these locations would be their proximity to resources and public transportation.

Sidewalks seem to be a major topic of conversation in our neighborhood as many in our neighborhood enjoy walking, whether with dogs or friends. Many of our sidewalks are in need of repair, and in most cases the homeowners are responsible for maintenance of the sidewalks in front of their property although there are programs under which the city will share in the cost of repair. The asphalt patches in the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood are part of a 2-step process of upgrading our streetlights to low-voltage LED lamps. We have been told by the city that as soon as all the wires are in place, the sidewalk patches will be repaired with cement.

We extend a warm and embracing welcome to everyone who moved into the neighborhood during the past year. I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting on Zoom on November 9th, as we all continue to work together to make Westwood Hills a safe and enjoyable place to live.

To allow our speakers to prepare and to help us keep the meeting to an hour, we request that you submit your questions via the online email network by November 3<sup>rd</sup> at <a href="mailto:info@whpoa.org">info@whpoa.org</a>.

Best regards and stay safe.

#### Debbie Nussbaum - President

#### **WHPOA Annual Meeting**

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to approximately 8:15 pm (you can sign in beginning at 6:45)

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

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

Agenda: Introductory Remarks by WHPOA President Debbie Nussbaum

**Election of WHPOA Board Members** 

Speakers: Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky

LAPD Captain Richard Gabaldon, Commanding Officer West Los Angeles

LAPD Sr. Lead Officer James Allen

**Questions:** Please submit any questions you may have for our speakers via the email network at <a href="mailto:info@whpoa.org">info@whpoa.org</a> by November 3, 2023, so that the speakers can be prepared to respond.

#### **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. We have an outstanding group of nominees for the WHPOA Board.

Our slate of current members who are candidates for re-election to two-year Board terms beginning January 2024 are: **Valerie Cohen** (Tavistock), **Tracey Fitzgerald** (Cashmere), **Carol Lifland** (Bronwood), **Frank Ponder** (Homedale), **Jane Schwab** (Bronwood) and **Julia Shuart** (Veteran).

Continuing in the second year of their two-year terms are **Margot Barron** (Tavistock), **Chet Bhavsar** (South Thurston), **Nicole Brzeski** (Ophir), **Judith Summers Brown** (Bentley), **Deborah Nussbaum** (Cashmere Terrace), **Chris Oldre** (Montana), **Susan Polep** (Barlock), **Barbara Schenk** (Bentley), **Melanie Spiller** (Tilden), **Terry Tegnazian** (Cashmere) and **Sherry West** (Montana).

#### **Meet the Nominees**

**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.

**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 the LAPD.

**Julia Shuart** - Julia grew up in Westwood, graduating from UCLA and receiving a masters in Landscape Architecture from Harvard in 2007. Living on Veteran, Julia has served on the Westwood Community Design Review Board in the past, and worked on behalf of the WHPOA to decrease the impact of UCLA's dormitory/Lot 15 project and improve the street lighting on Veteran.

## Introducing our new West LA Commanding Officer

Westwood Hills is fortunate to have as our new West Los Angeles Commanding Officer, Captain Richard Gabaldon. Captain Gabaldon, a 25-year veteran of LAPD, was born and raised in the City of Torrance. A student athlete in soccer and baseball in high school, he received a Division II scholarship in soccer at Cal State University Dominguez Hills. After playing two years at Dominguez Hills, he transferred to USC where he completed his Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Criminal Justice, followed by a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Dominguez Hills.

In December of 1994, Captain Gabaldon joined LAPD, working a variety of assignments before transferring to the Hollywood Area where he ultimately led the Entertainment Detail, supervising one of the largest specialized units in LAPD with 60 officers and 5 sergeants.

He is also a court-qualified gang expert and a member of the Urban Police Rifle Cadre.

Captain Gabaldon resides in Torrance with his high school sweetheart, Stacy, and their three children, Katie, Brady and Chloe. We want to give a warm welcome to LAPD Captain Richard Gabaldon.

We are also fortunate to have a terrific Senior Lead Officer in James Allen. Officer Allen is a dedicated, resourceful, thoughtful resource who is always available to respond to any questions we may have. He is an excellent problem solver and has been a great help with many of our issues.

Jane Mintz Schwab - WHPOA Security Chair

#### **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 (1-877-275-5273)

- 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 Community Online Reporting System ("CORS").
- Many incidents can be efficiently reported using CORS.

#### COMMUNITY ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM (CORS): https://lapdonline.org/file-a-police-report

- 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.

**MyLA311** – use to request city services, including removal of illegally dumped items and trash, pothole and small asphalt repair, removal of bulky items (e.g., 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 do all this on your cell phone by downloading the free myLA311 app from your app store, or you can call 311, or go online to <a href="https://myla311.lacity.org">https://myla311.lacity.org</a>.

#### Important LAPD Contacts:

Captain Richard Gabaldon 31356@lapd.online He is the new Commanding Officer of WLA LAPD.

**SLO James Allen** He is our Senior Lead Officer. He will respond by email.

Office: 310.444.0741; LAPD Community Relations Office: 310.444.0748

Email: <u>39318@lapd.online</u>
Website: <u>www.lapdonline.org</u>

**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

## **Your Elected Representatives**

As we went to press with last fall's newsletter, some of the 2022 state and local races had not yet been decided. Now we can offer a complete list.

United States Senators: Alex Padilla and Laphonza Butler United States Congressman: Brad Sherman (CA District 32) California State Senator: Ben Allen (CA Senate District 24)

California State Assemblyperson: Jacqui Irwin (CA Assembly District 42)

County Supervisor: Lindsey Horvath (District 3)

Los Angeles City Councilperson: Katy Yaroslavsky (District 5)

#### **Around Westwood Village...**

This has been an exciting year for Westwood as an arts and cultural destination, with the reopening of an expanded Hammer Museum earlier in the year and just this fall, the reopening of the much-loved Crest Theater at 1652 Westwood Boulevard as a performing arts venue, christened the UCLA Nimoy Theater in honor of its principal benefactor, actor Leonard Nimoy. Operating as part of UCLA's esteemed Center for the Art of Performance, the new theater will bring to Westwood a broad array of artists and performers in an affordable and accessible format. (For tickets and the season's lineup, go to *cap.ucla.edu.*)

Elsewhere, the Westwood Village scene has been enlivened somewhat owing to efforts by the new merchants association leadership. While the conversion of Broxton Avenue to a pedestrian mall is behind schedule, event programming on Broxton is moving forward with the institution of a number of student-oriented events. These include First Thursdays, a monthly evening block party on Broxton, and The Bruin Flea Market, which takes place monthly on third Fridays. The Flea Market is described as a "community-based and philanthropic flea market" selling vintage clothing and other items, including artwork, pottery and jewelry.

Many Westwood stores remain vacant, but two exercise venues, Mighty Pilates on LeConte and Sender One on Lindbrook are expected to open soon, and the upscale restaurant STK is expected to open at the location once occupied by Napa Valley Grille. The large space at Westwood Boulevard and Kinross, once home to AT&T, will become 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET, a highend vintage and used clothing store which has a number of outlets, including in Pasadena, Sherman Oaks and Santa Monica.

Carole Magnuson

## Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC)

The Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999 as a way of ensuring that the Los Angeles city government remains responsive to the different needs of the city's varied communities. There are currently 99 neighborhood councils, each serving about 40,000 people. The councils are advisory bodies with annual budgets funded by taxpayer dollars. Council members are elected by those who live, work or own property or a business in the community that a Council represents, and they donate their time and service as volunteers. The WHPOA is represented by a seat on the WWNC and

that individual is elected every 4 years. The Westwood Neighborhood Council meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Belmont Village.

Each year the councils are given a budget by the city to support their local initiatives. The WWNC has traditionally given 95% of its operating monies in grants to the community. Previous recipients are: The Friends of Westwood Library, The Los Angeles Conservancy, the Salvation Army Transition Housing on Sepulveda, Warner Avenue and Fairburn Elementary Schools, Emerson Middle School, West L.A. Little League, West L.A. Homeless and the L.A. Music Salon. Grants are usually given in late winter or early spring and can amount to as much as \$5,000.

The WWNC also interacts with local and state elected officials and weighs in on issues that may impact our community. Areas such as local land use and zoning, transportation, homelessness, affordable housing, use of our parks, issues facing Westwood Village and UCLA are just a few. WWNC aims to ensure the voices of Westwood and our neighborhood are represented. WHPOA Board Member Tracey Fitzgerald is our elected representative on the WWNC, and she works hard to represent the views of the WHPOA.

**Tracey Fitzgerald** 

### Westwood Recreation Park Complex continues to rock and roll!

New things are happening at Westwood Park! Our new Senior Recreation Director Jason Liss continues to be very supportive and programming has blossomed. Summer Camp was full every week this summer, providing lots of activities and even weekly field trips. Football is on the move and each program is almost full. The new self-cleaning bathrooms have opened and initial reports are that they are very successful. As the park and its programs continue to grow, additional bathroom facilities may become necessary. The annual Halloween Event will be held on Saturday, October 28th. Everyone in the community is welcome.

The Park Advisory Board (PAB) continues to meet every other month and has been working hard on a Park Wish List: a list of programs, activities, and/or site developments to enhance the look of the park and/or its programs. The two that have been focused on this past year are a community garden project and pickleball. The community garden project will be located on the east side of the park along Veteran. The PAB has sent out several community surveys and is in the process of developing community support. Once approved, the garden will offer a variety of drought-tolerant plants and grasses laid out amongst walkways and park benches. The hope is that the new area will support Master Class presentations and docent programs for school-age children. The second project is pickleball. As of the printing of this newsletter, the PAB has received notice that General Manager Jimmy Kim has approved the development of pickleball facilities at the Westwood Recreation Center. This is great news for pickleball enthusiasts and for the park. Former tennis courts 1 & 2 will be revamped and set aside for pickleball. The new area will include noise-dampening modifications, refinished courts, seating areas, concessions and more. Keep an eye out for the new pickleball area.

**Tracey Fitzgerald** 

#### Westwood Hills Block Party in 2024!

How many of us are ready to meet and greet our neighbors in person, and have some fun at a community-wide outdoor event? WHPOA is beginning plans for a block party in the spring of 2024. More details will be announced at our Annual Meeting, along with information on how you can get involved. If you are interested in helping to plan or work on the block party, please register and let us know via the WHPOA email network. Stay tuned for updates on the email network.

## **Traffic – Transit Projects**

In addition to the construction of the Purple Line Subway in our area under Wilshire Boulevard, three major transit projects are in the development stage and should be on your radar due to their proximity to Westwood Hills: the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, the I-405 Express Lane Project, and a Congestion Pricing Program.

Metro will hold an informational in-person meeting on **Tuesday**, **October 24**<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm -8pm at the Westwood Methodist Church 10497 Wilshire. There will also be 2 virtual meetings:

Monday, October 30th at 12pm. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/405EXP-1 Webinar ID: 899 7243490, and

Wednesday, November 8th at 6pm Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/450EXP-2 Webinar ID: 85245168735.

The meetings will cover all 3 projects.

## The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

This is a high-capacity transit project with the goal to take cars off the road and provide more traveling options for people traveling between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Two options are being studied. One is an underground high-speed heavy rail and the other is a slower monorail along the 405. UCLA has requested a station on campus, where high ridership is expected, and the heavy rail underground options would provide the single seat direct connection. Each of these modes has three different alternatives; each has a slight variation of the station locations and routes. This project has a completion date between 2033-35. Details at: <a href="https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/">https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/</a>

- The **monorail options** would follow along the 405 with a station possibly at the VA. Monorails have a slower overall travel time from the Valley to the Westside. An additional project spur would be required to connect and ride to the UCLA campus, adding additional time to the already slower commute.
- The **heavy rail options** provide the fastest ride to the Westside. The three heavy rail alternatives would be underground on the Westside. They would all provide a single seat ride to a UCLA campus station location and to the Westwood Village station.

## I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lane (Toll) Project

Metro is planning on converting 14 miles of HOV lanes between the 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 Lane Project will include an overhead tolling system and signage on adjacent portions of the I-405 corridor. Alternatives 3,4, & 5 appear to require widening the I-405 and taking property. The alternatives are:

- Alternative 1: Leave the HOV lanes on the 405 as is, basically no project.
- Alternative 2: Convert the HOV lanes on the 405 to one toll lane in each direction.
- Alternative 3: Convert the HOV lanes on the 405 to two toll lanes of non-standard lane widths in each direction.
- Alternative 4: Convert the HOV lanes on the 405 to two toll lanes in each direction, with standard-width travel lanes and shoulders.
- Alternative 5: Add a second HOV lane to the 405 in both directions with non-standard width travel lanes and shoulders.

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

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

#### **Congestion Pricing Program**

Metro's Traffic Reduction Study is exploring how congestion pricing could reduce traffic. It would be aimed at successfully reducing congestion, enhancing economic opportunity, reducing air and climate pollution, making our roads safer and transit faster, and reinvesting in our communities. There are three potential pilot concepts:

- Santa Monica Mountains Pricing on the I-405, US-101 and I-5, and multiple canyon arterial roads between the I-405 and US-101.
- DTLA Pricing on surface streets within the DTLA freeway ring, and on freeways passing through DTLA.
- I-10 Pricing on I-10 between DTLA and the western terminus of the freeway in Santa Monica.

#### **Subway Construction**

The Purple (D) Line Subway construction under Wilshire Blvd. between Veteran Ave. and Westwood Blvd. is entering a phase where all the work will take place underground. Concrete decking has been placed on Wilshire Blvd. over the station box allowing work on the station box without impacting traffic on Wilshire Blvd, except for hauling materials. The tunneling of the subway is almost complete from the VA station to the Century City station. Subway construction will continue underground with the Subway set for completion in 2027. More details at: https://www.metro.net/projects/westside/#overview.

## 2023 Westwood Hills Property Owners Association

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#### **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. A one-time (not annual) membership fee of \$200 entitles you to WHPOA membership for as long as you own your home in Westwood Hills. You can join online by logging on at <a href="https://whpoa.org/membership">https://whpoa.org/membership</a> 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 your community.

If you have new neighbors, please encourage them to join WHPOA and our neighborhood email network. You can pass along the enclosed membership form, or they can join online at <a href="https://whpoa.org/membership">https://whpoa.org/membership</a>. 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.