

West Hollywood West



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Update

West Hollywood West...
where neighborhood matters!

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Letter from the President

As I wrap up my fifth year as President of West Hollywood West Residents Association, I've been thinking about what we've accomplished, but also, what we have yet to achieve!

First, though, I'd like to thank my fellow board members for their time and participation -- Dan Siegel, Terry Leftgoff, Patrick Shandrick and Eric d'Arbeloff.

Also, my thanks to all of our Block Captains and Neighborhood Watch organizers. Without you, we could not achieve distribution of quarterly newsletters, meeting flyers and updates to nearly 1,000 WHW households.

To our committee members, event organizers and newsletter contributors, without you, we would be like any other "big city" neighborhood instead of the caring, close-knit community that makes West Hollywood West great!

This year, the big news was that our organization received its 501(c)(3) non-profit status, which means dues and other donations are now tax deductible.

Other happenings... In response to the Melrose Triangle Project's Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR"), our **Melrose Triangle committee** wrote an incredibly professional and detailed comment letter. We are still waiting for the final EIR to be released.

Our **Sherbourne Triangle committee** met with the Turnberry/Regency group and the City of WeHo to provide extensive feedback regarding the new project design as well as the landscaping. The next mission of this committee is to work with Turnberry/Regency and the City of WeHo to proactively mitigate potential traffic issues and improve the streetscape on San Vicente Boulevard.

Thanks to the **Land Use committee**, Maimonides Academy agreed to withdraw their request for a General Plan Amendment,

Zone and Height District Change on La Cienega Boulevard (the portion between Beverly and Westmount in the City of LA). While the City of LA did grant a Variance and MND to the school, LA's decisions only apply to the school's property in LA, not WeHo.

Many of us participated in the City's General Plan rewrite process, although there is still a lot of work to be done on this front. We would like to see height averaging reinstated, particularly on Doheny. In addition, because most residential areas have no buffer from the adjacent commercial zones, we would like to see the City of WeHo institute some type of transitional zoning in order to protect the residents from the impacts of commercial development.

We established one new WHWRA committee in 2008: P.A.N.T. - Pets Are Neighbors Too!

We need to establish two new WHWRA committees in 2009:

(1) a WHW Beautification committee -- their task will be to come up with projects that the association can take on in order to beautify our residential neighborhood. That may involve landscaping, lighting, signage, and so on.

(2) a Membership & Fundraising Committee -- their task will be to increase WHWRA's membership roster and raise money for the organization for social events, the beautification fund, the legal fund, etc. Particularly since there is so much development going on around us - the need for funds to pay for professional consultants and/or legal advice will likely increase over the next few years. Let's be ready!

Please call or email me if you wish to volunteer for either of these committees.
Your neighborhood needs you!

Have a happy and safe holiday season,

Lauren Meister

H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S !

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

West Hollywood West Residents Association ("WHWRA") is an organization for both homeowners and tenants. The officers are elected by the membership; block captains and committee members are all volunteers.

The purpose of WHWRA is to protect the integrity and quality of life within West Hollywood West, and, in a nutshell, that's what we do. We, the officers and active members of WHWRA, work hard to protect our/ your neighborhood and in exchange, we ask for your support. Thank you!

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