

# West Hollywood West



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## Update

**West Hollywood West...  
where neighborhood matters!**

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### Mark Your Calendars

**Monday, February 25 - 7:15 PM**

WHWRA Regular Meeting  
Sheriff's Station  
780 N. San Vicente Blvd.

On the Agenda:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Updates on...  
Soho House, Melrose Triangle DEIR

### Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program is one of the most effective means available for keeping crime out of our neighborhoods. When neighbors work together with law enforcement, one of the best crime fighting teams is created.

You can help make our community safer by participating in Neighborhood Watch in WHW! Start by attending our WHWRA meeting on February 25!

### WHWRA Needs You!

WHWRA Block Captains are needed to distribute newsletters and other important bulletins. If you live on one of these two blocks, please volunteer...

**8700 block of Bonner,  
9000 block of Ashcroft.**

Thank you, Helene, for your years of service as Bonner's Block Captain. Thank you, Jay and James, for filling in on Ashcroft until we find someone from that block to volunteer. Welcome new Block Captains Jonathan, Manny, Stephan, Robin and Christina!

### How to Maintain a Successful Neighborhood Watch Program...

- Be alert to unusual or suspicious behavior in your neighborhood and call the Sheriff's department if warranted (911 if emergency; 310.855.8850 if non-emergency). Write down descriptions of the person(s) and license numbers of any vehicles involved.
- Tell a trusted neighbor if your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period. Tell him or her how to reach you in an emergency.
- Look after your neighbors' property when they are away, and ask them to look after yours. This includes picking up mail or newspapers and putting back the garbage cans or recycling bins. Don't leave signals that say "no one is home".
- Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings often to learn about local crime trends and what you can do about them.
- Above all, get involved. It is the most effective way to reduce or prevent crime and make your neighborhood safe.
- Remember, your job is to report crime. The responsibility for apprehending criminals belongs to the Sheriff's.

Active Neighborhood Watch groups can make significant changes in the community, such as improving street lighting, altering Sheriff's patrol schedules and changing traffic flow patterns!

**N E X T   W H W R A   M E E T I N G :**  
**Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:15 PM**  
**West Hollywood Sheriff's Station - Community Room**  
**780 N. San Vicente Boulevard**  
**(between Melrose and Santa Monica Blvd.)**

## 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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## Talkin' Trash

Getting ready for **spring cleaning**? Perhaps you vowed to get more organized this year or finally redecorate and get rid of that old couch. Good news! As part of our city contract with Athens Services, residents can order **FREE BULKY ITEM** pick-up. You can order this service two ways:

1. Call 888-336-6100 to speak to a customer service associate, or,
2. Visit our city's website: <http://www.weho.org/> Under the "For Residents" section and under the "Trash and Recycling" tab, there is a link to an online service request page: [http://www.athensservices.com/bulky\\_item.html](http://www.athensservices.com/bulky_item.html).

Pickup can be scheduled for the next regular trash collection day (Wednesday in WHW). On the evening prior to the scheduled pickup day, you should place your bulky item outside, on the parkway. Please note, pickup can only be scheduled for one or two bulky items at a time!

It's that simple! No need to leave "bulky items" curbside for days for the folks who scavenge.

Please help West Hollywood West remain a place... where neighborhood matters.

Submitted by Helane Wilbourne

For more information on waste disposal, environmental services and recycling, you can call or email Jan Harmon of the City of West Hollywood... 323-848-6400; [jharmon@weho.org](mailto:jharmon@weho.org).

## Did You Know...

Apparently, the County has submitted paperwork to FEMA regarding our flood zone status. They were hoping for December, but FEMA being FEMA... now they are looking for approval "in a couple of months."

In the meantime everyone should continue to make insurance payments (if required). When FEMA stamps it, the city will notify affected residents as to new insurance requirements.

Submitted by Marty Strudler

## Due For a Raise

After discussion with WHWRA members at our January meeting, it was decided to increase WHWRA membership dues. (This is the first increase in many, many years.)

Individual membership will go from \$10 to \$20 per person; Limited Income dues will remain the same at \$5 per year.

We've added a new category, the "Household Membership," for those of you living in households with 2 or more adults. You can buy a Household Membership for only \$30!

Of course, you can always give additional donations to the organization... your dues and donations go towards printing newsletters, social events, legal and professional fees, etc.

We're hoping to receive our non-profit tax status very soon!

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

## Enclosed are my dues for 2008 - Check one:

- \$20.00 - Regular Membership Fee (individual)
- \$30.00 - Household Memberhip Fee (2+ adults)
- \$5.00 - Limited Income Membership Fee

I want to make an **additional donation** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help pay for expenses to preserve the "quality of life" in our neighborhood.

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want your phone number or address released to WHWRA committees, please check here (  ).

Please make your check payable to **WHWRA** and mail your check to:  
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