

West Hollywood West



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Update

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

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Mark Your Calendars

Monday, Sept. 22 - 7 PM to 9 PM

WHWRA Regular Meeting

WeHo Sheriff's Station Briefing Room
780 N. San Vicente Boulevard
West Hollywood

On The Agenda

From 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM, Turnberry
representatives will show the latest drawings
of the revised Greenwich Place project. This
project is going to the Planning Commission
in early October. The rest of the meeting
will be dedicated to this and other current
issues.

National Night Out

National Night Out was a huge success.
Over 100 West Hollywood West residents
and their guests attended the event on
August 5th.

A big thank you to **James Maclean**, chair
of our NNO committee, who organized this
fabulous event! Also, thank you to **Francoise
Brun-Cottan** who did an amazing job of
setting up (and tearing down!), and also
was able to put together some great raffle
prizes.

Thank you, **Melrose Bar and Grill**,
Ed's Coffee Shop, **Michael's Custom
Framing, Closetry, Pavilions** and, last
but not least, **Arfriend**, for donating to our
raffle. To **Bristol Farms**, we appreciate
your wonderful contribution of food and
beverages, which helped make our event a
delicious success!

And to **all WHW residents** who pitched
in, we truly appreciate your help and
participation!

Neighborhood Watch Alert

BE AWARE: A tall, young white male, in his
early 20s, was observed looking into windows
and trying door knobs on Westbourne Drive
last weekend. He knocked on a few doors
as well and said that he was "a neighbor"
asking for a donation. However, there were
inconsistencies in his story!

LAPD is asking for the public's help in
identifying the suspects responsible for
seven armed robberies, which occurred
between August 8th and 17th within the
area of La Cienega and La Brea, and Santa
Monica Blvd. and Beverly. There has been
between one and three suspects holding
up pedestrians with handguns, demanding
their wallets or purses. According to the
news report, suspects are described as
three African American males, in their
20s, wearing all black clothes, between
5'6" and 6' tall. These robberies occurred
late at night or early morning hours, when
restaurants and stores are closing. People
are being targeted in residential areas off of
commercial streets such as Melrose. People
walking alone are being targeted.

**IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, CALL THE
SHERIFF'S STATION IMMEDIATELY
AT 310-855-8850, OR, IF IT IS AN
EMERGENCY, DIAL 9-1-1.**

If Sheriff's deputies do not respond in a
timely manner, please contact the Watch
Sergeant on duty at the West Hollywood
Sheriff's Station (310-855-8850). Also,
please email president@whwra.org so
that we can send an alert to the WHWRA
email list and follow-up with the City.

N E X T W H W R A M E E T I N G :
Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 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!

MISSING! Dorrington Bulldogs

Two English bulldogs from the 8900 block of Dorrington are missing. Tim Chen's dogs were either taken from the backyard or somehow "escaped" sometime between 4 PM and 8 PM on Thursday, Sept. 4. The dogs, Louie and Rocco, have tags and are micro-chipped. If you have any information, please call Tim Chen at 310-696-9877 or Norm Wogan at 323-821-5515.

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Excerpts from "The State of Our Neighborhood"

(WHWRA letter to the Mayor of West Hollywood - August 14, 2008)

Noticing and Outreach

While the City has done much in terms of outreach regarding the General Plan update process, it seems that communication about other issues, which might be just as important to our neighborhood and, definitely more time-sensitive, have slipped through the cracks. For example, city staff made no attempt to contact our group regarding the text amendment changes to Santa Monica Boulevard, which were made to accommodate the Palm project. The noticing of the project did not indicate that text amendment changes to the General Plan were being proposed. What this means is that a person who did not have a problem with the Palm Project per se, may not have attended the Planning Commission or City Council hearings regarding the project, not realizing that all of Santa Monica Boulevard, from La Cienega to Doheny, on both sides of the street, may be affected.

We believe in transparency in government. When City Council said they were delaying the revision of the Mixed Use Overlay ordinance and would be doing future study for a Westside Specific Plan, the obvious and logical assumption was that zoning was not going to change on the west side. However, zoning has been changed vis-à-vis these zone text amendments. We'd like to see better and more extensive noticing and outreach, particularly for larger projects that have proportionately larger impacts.

Enforcement Issues

We request that code enforcement help us to "crack down" on those who are leaving their garbage and recycling carts in the roadways, instead of on the parkways as is required by the City, as well as those who leave their carts out for several days before and/or after garbage pickup. We are losing valuable parking spaces... and on streets like Rangely, every parking space counts!

In addition, there has been an increase of scavengers going through our trash and recycling carts. Scavengers take away money from the City by stealing recyclables out of the blue carts. These scavengers also throw trash on the streets as they go through the carts, and, the scavenging may not always be for recyclables - identity theft can also occur when scavengers go through people's trash. We would appreciate if the City's environmental services and code enforcement departments would look into this issue and work with the Sheriff's department to figure out a way of discouraging scavenging in our neighborhood.

WHWRA Needs You!

WHWRA Block Captains are needed to distribute newsletters and other important bulletins. We are **still** looking for a permanent Block Captain for the **9000 block of Ashcroft**. If you live on this block, please volunteer...

Email president@whwra.org or call Lauren Meister at 310.659.3379. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed are my dues for 2008 - Check one:

- () \$20.00 - Regular Membership Fee (individual)
- () \$30.00 - Household Membership 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 ().

WHWRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Your membership dues and any additional donations are tax deductible.

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