

West Hollywood West



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

West Hollywood West...
where neighborhood matters!

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Regular Newsletter

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President's Letter

As another year comes to a close (my sixth), I think about what draws me to this volunteer "job," which I take very seriously.

Most of you know I'm fascinated by land use issues and a strong proponent of neighborhood watch, but another motivating factor is what I get out of it on a personal level -- I really enjoy living in this wonderful and unique neighborhood. I hope we, as a neighborhood, continue to preserve the things we love about WHW and work together to improve those things with which we're not satisfied.

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to serve with many dedicated, smart and fun people, but in particular, Dan, Patrick and Eric -- thank you so much for your involvement!

Lauren Meister

WHWRA 2010/2011 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

SAVE THE DATE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17: WHWRA ELECTIONS AND PARTY!

WHWRA elections will take place on Tuesday, November 17 at the regular November meeting, to be held at Jerry's Deli at 7:15 PM. Holiday party to follow!

Our candidates include:

President: Lauren Meister; Executive Vice President: Richard Giesbret
Vice President: Padi Moschetta; Secretary: Patrick Shandrick; Treasurer: Eric d'Arbeloff

Our recruitment committee consisted of three appointed members: Donald Freeman, Manny Rodriguez and Dan Siegel. Per the Bylaws, the recruitment committee was responsible for nominating qualified candidates for the two vacant positions on the board of directors.

PLEASE NOTE: Eligible members who are not nominated or recommended by the recruitment committee may be nominated from the floor for any of the five positions by a WHW Community member at the election meeting.

According to the Bylaws, to **vote** for the Board of Directors, you need only be a current "member" (i.e., RESIDENT) of the West Hollywood West Community. A member is someone who lives in the area designated as "West Hollywood West." (Please bring your Driver's License or other form of ID showing your current address when you come to meetings to vote! You do not need to be up-to-date on voluntary community dues to VOTE, only to RUN for the Board of Directors.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8700 RANGELY BLOCK CAPTAIN... Please contact Lauren Meister at 310-659-3379 or please email president@whwra.org as we cannot find your contact info on file!!
- ARE YOU ON WHWRA's EMAIL LIST? If you want to receive neighborhood news and neighborhood watch alerts, please sign up for our list! Email me at president@whwra.org to be added. Do it NOW!!
- We had a lovely neighborhood get-together, hosted by Humble Abode and Craft Clothing, at the courtyard at 519 N. La Cienega Boulevard. We thank them for their hospitality and really enjoyable event.

NEXT WHWRA MEETING — ELECTIONS AND HOLIDAY PARTY:

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:15 PM

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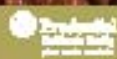
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National Night Out 2009

Here are some photos from this year's very successful National Night Out event at the Sherbourne cul-de-sac. How many of these friendly West Hollywood West faces do you recognize? Names noted when possible (please excuse any spelling errors), so when you see them on the street, say "Hi!" Thank you, Stuart Denenberg and Richard Giesbret, our NNO photographers, for taking all these great pictures!



Long-time resident Faye Schecter celebrates 100th birthday with WHWRA!



Glenda Pollack and Norwich block captain and community gardener, Brad Keistler



Ellyn and Erik Lerner sharing a bite with Marty Strudler



Debra Attoinese, Oscar and Maria Lopez



Firefighters from WeHo #7 get thumbs up from future WeHo leaders!



Rangely residents Jack Porter and Darryl Wiggem



Lila and dad, Guthrie Paterson



NNO committee chair James Maclean (center) and friends

More pics... "NNO" 2009!



Ashcroft block captain Bob McGinnis with Bill Shawn



Sgt. James Farrell with Public Safety staff, Shirley Berry and David Escobedo



Eleanor Baruch with P.A.N.T. committee chair Padi Moschetta



Anton Vogt, Garrett Yoshida (with Ceasar) and Debby Trutnik



Rosewood residents Doug Bernard and Gianpiero Doebler



Charlotte Banta, Barry Parker and long-time supporter of WHWRA, Jeanne Dobrin



Councilmember Jeff Prang and WHWRA President Lauren Meister share a laugh... what's so funny?



WHWRA Treasurer Eric d'Arbeloff with son, Lucas

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VEHICLE BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

Theft from an auto is the easiest crime to prevent by simply locking all your car doors and removing all your valuables. If you must leave valuables in your car, lock them in your trunk or keep them out of sight. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat, in your glove compartment, or in the trunk. Look for prying eyes or suspicious individuals.

Here are some other tips to remember:

- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Close all windows, including vent or wing windows.
- At home, park in your garage if you have one.
- If you park in your driveway or on the street, install motion sensors or photocell lights near where you park. Motion sensors will trigger a light to come on when it senses activity in the immediate area. Photocell lights will turn on at dusk, and then off at dawn automatically.
- Avoid parking in alleys.
- If making more than one trip to put items in your car while at the mall, consider moving your vehicle to make it look like you've left.
- Consider installing an alarm. A car alarm system is an effective deterrent to car burglars. Criminals will always choose the easiest target. If there is more than one car to choose from, the burglar will always choose the car that is not alarmed.
- Make a copy of your registration and black out the address. Keep the original at home in a safe place.
- Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car where it is visible with your name and home address.
- When entering gated, underground parking areas, check your rearview mirror to make sure that someone doesn't sneak in behind you.

Most importantly, report suspicious persons to the Sheriff's Department and report all crimes (310-855-8850 or 9-1-1 if it is an emergency).

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. For dues of only \$20 per person per year, or \$30 per household (2+ adults), or \$5 for limited income (seniors too!), you receive a newsletter (at least quarterly), online access to neighborhood news 24/7 with the WHWRA website (www.whwra.org), social events where you can meet your neighbors as well as special guests such as city officials and city staff. And, in addition, we hold community meetings and quarterly "regular" meetings to discuss issues that affect our neighborhood. 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!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed are my dues for 2010 - 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: _____ 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.

Please make your check payable to **WHWRA** and mail your check to:
 West Hollywood West Residents Association, PO Box 691427, West Hollywood, CA 90069
 Or pay online at <http://www.whwra.org/membership>

Halloween Traffic Advisory and Parking Information (from www.weho.org)

Hundreds of thousands of Halloween revelers are expected to flock to Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood for the 2009 West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31, 2009.

One of the world's largest Halloween celebrations, the West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival will be held from 6 p.m. to 11p.m. along Santa Monica Boulevard from Doheny Drive to La Cienega Boulevard.

Due to the City of West Hollywood's annual Halloween Costume Carnival, the following streets will be temporarily CLOSED as follows:

- * Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega Boulevard and Doheny Drive 12 p.m. Saturday, October 31 through 6 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009.
- * Robertson Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard from 12 p.m., Saturday, October 31 through 6 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009.
- * San Vicente Boulevard between Cynthia and Melrose Avenue from 1 p.m., Saturday, October 31 through 6 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009.
- * La Cienega Boulevard between Holloway Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard from 4 p.m., Saturday, October 31 through 6 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009.
- * Sunset Boulevard eastbound and westbound turn lanes onto La Cienega Boulevard from 6 p.m., Saturday, October 31 through 7 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009.
- * La Peer Drive eastbound turn lane onto Santa Monica Boulevard from 2 p.m., Saturday, October 31 through 7 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009.

The City of West Hollywood will suspend permit parking for the Halloween Carnival from 5 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2009 to 6 a.m., November 1, 2009. Meters will be enforced. Questions? For more information on the West Hollywood Halloween Carnival, call the Halloween Carnival Hotline at (323) 848-6503 or visit the website at www.weho.org/halloween.

A Big Thank You

On behalf of WHWRA board of directors and community members, I would like to thank Dan Siegel, Executive Vice President of WHWRA, for his 8 years of service to WHWRA. Due to Dan's commitments to his new business venture in Costa Rica, he will not be seeking another term.

Dan has been a tremendous asset to WHWRA. He was an integral member of our committees, including the District 1 Parking Committee, the Land Use Committee, the Sherbourne Triangle Committee and the Melrose Triangle Committee, to name a few. For the 6 years that I have been president of WHWRA, Dan has been my right arm.

He has always been there for me and for West Hollywood West. We spent many a night talking through issues, writing letters and emails to the city, strategizing, articulating positions and problem-solving.

Please join me in thanking Dan, and wishing him the best of luck with Villa Decary! See you in WHW during the off season!

Lauren Meister

Halloween Fun for the Kids of West Hollywood West

What: Annual Trick or Treating – West Hollywood West

When: Saturday, October 31, 2009
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Westbourne Drive, south of Melrose
(300/400 block and 500 block of Westbourne)

We are once again organizing neighborhood trick or treating. By request of our WHW kids, we will be trick or treating on Westbourne Drive this year. Please remember trick or treating is assigned to one street each year. This is done for several reasons:

- (1) to ensure that no one street is continually responsible for providing candy and having someone at the home,
- (2) to make it more fun for the kids as they see other children in costume,
- (3) it creates a great opportunity to meet your WHWRA neighbors!

While we encourage everyone to participate, trick or treating will be on a voluntary basis.

If you live on Westbourne Drive south of Melrose and want to have trick or treaters at your home, please:

- (1) have the pumpkin flyer (copy in newsletter) or an actual pumpkin visible to the sidewalk,
- (2) leave your front lights on from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
- (3) have store-bought individually wrapped treats only for each child!

If you are **not** interested in having trick or treaters come to your home, please **post a "NO Trick or Treat" sign**, or, if possible and not a safety issue, keep your front lights off from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and please, do not answer your door if someone accidentally knocks!

Ruth Cisclowski, West Hollywood West Resident and Parent

DID YOU KNOW THAT DUES AND DONATIONS TO WHWRA ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE? DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT WWW.WHWRA.ORG?

Trick or Treat

