

# West Hollywood West



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September, 2009

## Update

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### Mark Your Calendars

**West Hollywood West Residents Association - Regular Meeting**

Monday, September 28 — 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM

West Hollywood Sheriffs Station (Briefing Room)

Meeting Agenda:

1. Scheduling of upcoming WHWRA Elections and requirements (see page 2)
2. Voting on changes to the WHWRA Bylaws (see page 3).
3. WHWRA Recruitment Committee - Appointments
4. Special guest speaker

**Our guest speaker will be West Hollywood Councilmember Lindsey Horvath.**

Councilmember Lindsey Horvath was appointed to the West Hollywood City Council to fill the vacant seat of former City Councilmember Sal Guarriello who passed away in April 2009.

Councilmember Horvath is the current President of the National Organization for Women, Hollywood Chapter; former President of the National Women's Political Caucus, NWPC-LA Westside; former chair of the City of West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board; Board member of the West Hollywood Democratic Club; advocate for A Window Between Worlds; Board member of the Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project; member of Planned Parenthood; member of Human Rights Watch; member of Amnesty International; and a member of the Human Rights Campaign. Councilmember Horvath has also served on the Steering Committee for the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference; the West Hollywood Plan B Access Committee; as well as the Producer of VDay & Until the Violence Stops Festival; Co-Founder of OBJECT: It's How You Say It; and a community partner for the Equality for All Campaign.

Councilmember Horvath is an Entertainment Advertising Executive at Canyon Design Group and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame where she earned a BA in Political Science and Gender Studies. She has been a proud resident of the City of West Hollywood for nearly two years.

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**N E X T W H W R A M E E T I N G :**  
**Monday, September 28 at 7:15 PM**  
**West Hollywood Sheriff's Station**  
**Community/Briefing Room**  
**780 N. San Vicente Boulevard**  
**Between Melrose and Santa Monica Boulevard**

**Limited parking at Sheriff's lot or  
street parking on Melrose or San Vicente  
(NOTE: WeHo Park is under construction)**

## **WHWRA ELECTIONS - NOVEMBER, 2009**

The elections in November are to elect the WHWRA Board of Directors. Remember, WHWRA is now a non-profit corporation. There are five Board positions, of which, there will be two open seats. The elected Board of Directors "appoints" the officers of the corporation (i.e., President, VP, Executive VP, Secretary and Treasurer). Because WHWRA is limited in its people resources, the Board of Directors may be the appointed officers of the corporation.

The following articles from the Bylaws that were drafted when we became a corporation explain what qualifications you need if you wish to run for the Board of Directors, and qualifications for voting in elections.

*NOTE: 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.) If you wish to see a copy of the entire Bylaws document (it's 19 pages long!), please contact our Treasurer, Eric D'Arbeloff.*

### **SECTION 6.03. QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

Only residents of the State of California and members of the WHW Community shall be eligible to serve on the board of directors. To be eligible for election as a member of the board of directors, a member of the WHW Community shall have attended the three (3) WHW Community meetings prior to his or her election to the board of directors, as verified by sign-in sheets maintained by the Secretary, and shall have paid voluntary WHW Community dues at least sixty (60) days prior to such election.

### **SECTION 6.04. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE OF DIRECTORS**

6.04 (a) Recruitment Committee. A recruitment committee of three members shall be selected by the board of directors to nominate qualified candidates for any vacancies on the board of directors. The members of the recruitment committee shall be announced by the board of directors not less than one month prior to the annual meeting of the board of directors. The recruitment committee shall nominate qualified candidates for any vacancy on the board of directors, and the names of the candidates nominated shall be published in notice of the WHW Community meeting as required in Section 9.04 of these bylaws.

6.04 (b) Election. Directors shall be elected by a majority of the WHW Community at a meeting of the WHW Community in the fourth calendar quarter of the year. A quorum of the WHW Community, as that term is defined in Section 9.05 of these bylaws, must be present to conduct such an election.

6.04 (c) Term. The term of each director elected as set forth in Section 6.04(b), shall serve for a two (2) year term beginning on January 1 of the year following the election. A director appointed by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy shall hold office until a successor has been elected and qualified pursuant to Section 6.04(b).

### **SECTION 9.04. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

9.04 (a) Authority to call. Meetings of the WHW Community for any purpose may be called at any time by the president, any vice president, the secretary or any two directors.

9.04 (b) Notice.

(i) Manner of giving. Notice of the time and place of WHW Community meetings shall be given to each residence in the WHW Community by newsletter or flyer distributed to such residence.

(ii) Time requirements. Notices shall be delivered no less than five (5) days prior to each WHW Community meeting.

(iii) Notice contents. The notice shall state the time and place for the WHW Community meeting. It need not specify the purpose of the meeting, except that the notice must indicate if either the election of members to the board of directors pursuant to Section 6.04(b), or removal of members of the board of directors pursuant to Section 6.05(c), will be considered at the meeting.

### **SECTION 9.05. QUORUM**

At least twenty (20) residents in the WHW Community shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the residents in the WHW Community present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the decision of the WHW Community, subject to the provisions of law or the articles of incorporation. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of residents of the WHW Community, if any decision made is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

## WHWRA BYLAWS - PROPOSED CHANGES

The Board of Directors would like to propose several changes to the Bylaws to be voted on at our September meeting if we have a quorum... if not, then at our November meeting. The sections/articles for review are as follows:

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**Proposed changes to 6.03:** Only residents of the State of California and members of the WHW Community shall be eligible to serve on the board of directors. To be eligible for election as a member of the board of directors, a member of the WHW Community shall have attended the three (3) WHW Community meetings during the year prior to his or her election to the board of directors, as verified by sign-in sheets maintained by the Secretary, and shall have paid voluntary WHW Community dues at least sixty (60) days prior to such election or shall have attended at least five (5) WHW Community meetings during the two (2) year term prior to Board elections as verified by sign-in sheets maintained by the Secretary, and shall have paid voluntary WHW Community dues at least sixty (60) days prior to such election. If a member has participated in an official WHW committee during the two (2) year term prior to elections, two (2) WHW committee meetings may be substituted for one (1) WHW community meeting.

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9.04 (b) Notice.

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**Proposed changes to 9.04 (b) (i):** Manner of giving. Notice of the time and place of WHW Community meetings shall be given by one or more of the following methods: (a) by newsletter or flyer; (b) by electronic mail or other electronic means; (c) by telephone; (d) by first class mail postage paid; (e) by posting of a flyer at a predetermined public location.

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*PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of West Hollywood West residents to subscribe to the WHWRA email list in order to receive electronic mail from WHWRA. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the WHWRA board about how you can receive notifications about WHWRA Community meetings and events.*

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE TO WEST HOLLYWOOD WEST RESIDENTS:**

**IF YOU LIVE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD WEST, AS A TENANT OR HOMEOWNER, THEN YOU NEED TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD WEST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION EMAIL LIST!**

**FOR EMAIL UPDATES, NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ALERTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE... EMAIL: [president@whwra.org](mailto:president@whwra.org)**

**IN ADDITION TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WEST HOLLYWOOD WEST STREET ADDRESS.**

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who participated in National Night Out. A special thanks to our NNO committee: James Maclean, Francoise Brun-Cottan, Patrick Shandrick, Eric D'Arbeloff, Jan Hohenstein, Sheri Stark, Stuart Denenberg, Richard Giesbret, Padi Moschetta and Janet Cole. In our October issue of the WHWRA newsletter, we'll include some photos of the event, thanks to Stuart and Richard, our resident photographers!

Thank you to all of our NNO "sponsors" - those people and businesses who donated to our event: Cecconi's, Christopher Rogers Florist, Chrome Hearts, Ed's Coffee Shop, Melrose Bar & Grill, Michael's Framing, Petrossians, Wally Findlay Galleries, Bel Bambino, Beverly Hills Plastic Surgery, Fresh at the Grove, Angelina Yogurt, Cynthia June Massage, Janene Mitchell Acupuncture, Anne Faerovik, the P.A.N.T. Committee, and, of course, the City of West Hollywood.

Also, we'd like to thank Starbucks at Robertson and Santa Monica Blvd. for providing coffee at some of our WHWRA meetings!

## WHAT'S NEW? (from www.weho.org)

### City of West Hollywood Creates General Plan Advisory Committee

The City is currently preparing the first comprehensive update of its General Plan - a policy document that defines how the City manages its physical, economic and human resources. California state law mandates that cities draft, adopt and continuously update their General Plans.

A General Plan Advisory Committee was recently established to advise staff and the City Council on the General Plan Update. The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) consists of forty-one committee members appointed by the West Hollywood City Manager, including at least one representative from each of the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions. The first General Plan Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009. General Plan Advisory Committee meetings will be televised on West Hollywood Citychannel 10 on Time Warner Cable.

The General Plan Advisory Committee will review and shape the draft General Plan vision, goals and policy framework, which will form the basis for the updated plan when it is adopted in the fall of 2010.

For more information, please contact Bianca Siegl at (323) 848-6853.

### City Council Waives Permit Fees for Solar Installation

In order to help residents and businesses decrease energy costs, the West Hollywood City Council recently adopted a policy to waive permit fees on solar installation. The average costs of solar permit fees in West Hollywood last year were between \$1,000 and \$1,800. The goal of the City of West Hollywood's new policy to waive permit fees is to provide an incentive to encourage clean energy and green house gas reduction.

The fees on solar installation will be waived for both building plan checks, electrical plan checks and all permit fees. The fee waiver will also apply to specialized plan check fees performed by companies contracted by the City for structural and electrical engineering review, in addition to plan check fees related to the City's review. The fee waiver will apply only to the fees related to the solar system installation. The fee waiver does not extend to fees collected on behalf of the State of California.

For more information on strategies for energy efficiency, please view the City's Green Building Manual or contact Corri Planck, Deputy to West Hollywood Mayor Abbe Land, at (323) 848-6460.

#### 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.

We need money! We need to build up our legal fund. Please write your check today. Thank you!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

#### Enclosed are my dues for 2009 - 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>