

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa & Covenant Presbyterian Church Present

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS 2020



Getting You Plugged In To Your Community

**ONE Afternoon and ONE Location to Discover and
Learn About Community Services and Resources**

Sunday, March 1, 2020



COVENANT
Presbyterian Church
PCUSA



AFS

Karen Cross – (310) 430-3875

AFS Intercultural Programs is an international youth exchange organization. Founded in 1914, youth from around the globe enjoy and grow from study abroad semester and school year programs, as well as summer and gap year programs. Our community is enriched by hosting and sending our youth abroad, and it builds more peace and understanding in the world!

AIRPORT MARINA COUNSELING SERVICE

(310) 670-1410 • amcshelps.com

(AMCS), founded in 1961, is a nonprofit, community-based mental health clinic that serves the LAX, South Bay and Westside areas of Los Angeles. The mission of AMCS is two-fold: to provide affordable, community based mental health services, and to train mental health therapists.

CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN

(310) 452-3325 • connectionsforchildren.org

Connections for Children is a non-profit Child Care Resource and Referral agency serving parents, child care providers, and educators in the Westside and South Bay communities of Los Angeles County. With over 40 years of knowledge and experience, we have increased the quality of child care by influencing public policy, providing referral services for families, and offering free to low-cost professional development to early childhood educators. Connections for Children helps over 3,500 families each year to find quality child care regardless of income.

COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BONIN (Westchester Office)

(310) 568-8772 • 11thdistrict.com

Los Angeles Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin represents Westside neighborhoods on the Los Angeles City Council, taking office in 2013 in the sprawling 11th District, which includes Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, West LA/Sawtelle, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Venice, Marina del Rey, Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, Westchester and Ladera. Matt Teclé is his Deputy District Director Westchester Office (310) 568-8772. It's our pleasure to serve you!

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Rev. Sue Fisher, Pastor • (310) 670-5750

Covenant Presbyterian Preschool

Kathy Sultan, Preschool Director • (310) 670-5758 • covla.org

Founded in 1948 Covenant Pres Church is a place where the community gathers. Worship is at 10:30 AM on Sundays. We embrace a progressive, Reformed Christian theology and all people are welcome among us. Our focus is on issues of social justice and addressing the needs of the community. We support many of the organizations in this directory! Our Preschool, founded in 1963, has been voted the best in Westchester for five years in a row.

CULVER PALMS MEALS ON WHEELS

(310) 559-0666 • mowculverpalms@gmail.com

Culver Palms Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to individuals living in Los Angeles between Pico Blvd. and LAX, and from La Cienega Blvd. to the coast. We serve those who are homebound due to illness, accident, disability, convalescence or age.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Gibson Nyambura • (213) 978-1551 • empowerla.org

The City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is the support agency for LA's Neighborhood Council system citywide. The Department is sometimes called "EmpowerLA" because of its stated mission to empower Angelenos through civic engagement and community advocacy, via the Neighborhood Council system and other outreach programs and initiatives.

DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (DCRC)

(310) 390-3611 • dcrcc.org

DCRC is dedicated to: connecting people with disabilities and older adults to resources, training and advocacy tools; promoting disability pride; and building self-determined lives.

EMERSON AVENUE COMMUNITY GARDEN

(310) 337-0827 • eacgc@yahoo.com • eacgc.org

The Emerson Avenue Community Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a group of dedicated volunteers working to develop a one acre portion of the Orville Wright Middle School campus into a sustainable, organic food garden and green space shared by the school and the public for the purposes of education and community building.

EMPOWER TECH

(310) 338-1597 • empowertech.org

Empower Tech provides children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities with education and training to lead independent and productive lives using Assistive Technology. Service all persons with disabilities from ages 16 and up. Would like to create an awareness of the options and opportunities for people with disabilities.

FIRST CLASS SENIOR CARE

(310) 953-2888 • Allison.SeniorCare@gmail.com • firstclassseniorcare.com

Caring for a loved one can be an overwhelming responsibility whether you are local, out of state or out of the country. That is why we work hard to meet the highest professional standards while caring for a Senior as if we were a trusted family member or friend. Care Management is a service offered to help families through changes and transitions a Senior may be experiencing; be it aging in place, returning home after a hospital stay, or simply needing some help and guidance to make a plan and put some systems in place. When Seniors can no longer stay safely at home, we help them find a new place to live, such as an Assisted Living, Independent Living, or a Board and Care. This placement service is free for the family/client. We provide insight and information that takes away the overwhelming feeling of not knowing where to start. We guide Seniors and families through the aging journey to meet all needs for the Senior to age safely in place or in a community.

FLIGHT PATH MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER
(424) 646-7284 • flightpathmuseum.com

Flight Path was created to preserve the aviation/aerospace history of Southern California and to encourage and support youth in pursuit of aviation/aerospace education and careers. Flight Path offers several scholarships each year. A Learn to Fly program is offered at the museum taught by professional pilots on computer based flight simulators open to students 12 years old and up. Museum features: extensive collection of vintage flight attendant uniforms and airline and aerospace memorabilia, exclusive view of the live runway at LAX, DC 3, and much more. Additionally there is the Flight Path Walk of Fame located on Sepulveda Boulevard business district where bronze plaques adorn the sidewalk honoring aviation greats.

FOOD PANTRY-LAX / WESTCHESTER Clergy Association
(310) 677-5597 • foodpantrylax.org

Emergency food distribution to those in need. Sponsored by the Westchester Clergy Association. Open Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 12pm. Located at 355 Beach St. Inglewood. Bring donations of non-perishable food to Covenant Presbyterian Church. Volunteers and money donations are also welcomed and encouraged.

FRIENDS OF THE JUNGLE
Lucy Han • FOTJ.org

Since 1977, Friends of the Jungle have organized our annual Jungle Clean Up. Volunteers come together for a day of service, community and music.

Activities of FOTJ include:

- Working with Council member Mike Bonin CD11, got approval for a red light crossing at the base of the Earldom stairs. Installation will be before the end of 2020.
- Spearheading an effort to Adopt A Median on Imperial Highway. These efforts will beautify the blighted median and prevent trash from being dumped into the Pacific ocean.
- Leading a coalition to keep the existing beach curfew from midnight to 5am.

Our President Lucy Han, VP Jan Haagen and Friends of the Jungle most recently advocated and secured \$5 million from Janice Hahn's County Supervisor office for a trash collector upstream in the Ballona Creek. This collector will prevent urban trash from reaching our bay. Friends of the Jungle are always looking for opportunities to connect with other organizations and individuals to protect the quality of life in our community.

GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER LA (WESTCHESTER/DEL REY SERVICE UNIT)
wdrgirlscoutsum@gmail.com

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Our area serves nearly 60 troops and over 450 girls with many activities for troops to participate in every month.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES
(310) 323-4663 • habitatla.org

Habitat LA put's God love into action to build safe, decent and affordable homes. We envision a world where everyone has a decent place to live. It's our 30th anniversary of building in Los Angeles this year, where we have served 1,000 families across our greater LA service area!

HELEN'S ROOM

(310) 524-9429 • mkahnhelensroom@aol.com • helensroom.com

Helen's Room assists low income women with cancer by providing mastectomy prostheses and bras, scarves, wigs, hats and other personal appearance items as well as emotional and psycho-social support by a licensed therapist all free of charge.

HOMETOWN NEWS

westchesterhometown@yahoo.com • thehtn.com • facebook.com/thehtn

The Westchester/Playa HomeTown News is your monthly community newspaper dedicated to providing news, features and information about the people and events in Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and Marina del Rey. As a local small business, we feel it's important to not just provide information about the community, but also be a part of it! We are proud sponsors of numerous local programs and events including the Fourth of July Parade, Race for Success, Jet to Jetty, the Teacher Eddy Awards and the Westchester Arts and Music Block Party. Please contact us at westchesterhometown@yahoo.com with story ideas or to advertise your business or organization.

IMAGINE LA

(323) 944-0210 • imaginela.org

Imagine LA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of family homelessness and chronic poverty via a supercharged blend of mentoring and social services.

JET TO JETTY 5K/10K

Dan Cohen / Margie Hanson • (310) 306-1453

jettojetty@gmail.com • JettToJetty.com

Join us at our 36th community walk/run on Saturday, September 12th. Come "run for mental health" and raise money for Airport Marina Counseling Service (AMCS), our local mental health clinic. For people of all ages and all levels of running. This year's course follows the service road right next to the beach. It is totally flat which is great for beginners and great for advanced runners to get some good measurable times. 5k/10k Walk/Run, Kids Fun Run and 10 Mile Bike Ride. Come join the fun - we welcome sponsors and exhibitors! We also welcome volunteers!!

KENTWOOD HOME GUARDIANS

Tracy Thrower Congers • (310) 670-5111 • kentwoodhomeguardians.com

Homeowners Association comprised of 3,400 properties in the area roughly bounded by Sepulveda, Manchester, Georgetown and the Bluffs.

KENTWOOD PLAYERS

(310) 645-5156 • kentwoodplayers.org

Westchester Playhouse, home of the Kentwood Players, provides outstanding community theater. Kentwood Players is celebrating our 70th anniversary and has been an active participant in the community, including in the Westchester 4th of July parade since its inception. We offer 6 productions a year, each running 6 weeks, with individual, group and subscriber rates. Contact us at 310-645-5156.

LADIES OF THE WESTCHESTER ELKS

(310) 821-3005 • www.westchesterelks2050.org

A community service organization assisting our lodge #2050 in improvements and supporting the lodges charitable endeavors for veterans, scholarships and children with disabilities locally and nationally.

LAX COASTAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Christina Davis, President/CEO • (310) 645-5151 • laxcoastal.com

Serving the Communities of Westchester, Marina del Rey, Playa Vista, Playa del Rey, Del Rey and surrounding areas, the LAX Coastal Chamber promotes business and enhances the vitality of the community through member services, educational programs, strategic partnerships, community outreach and legislative advocacy.

LAX COASTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

(310) 963-9494 • laxcoastaledfoudation.com

The LAX Coastal Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to positively impacting our local schools, both public, private and charter. Three major events we do each year: 1) School Expo, 2) Spelling Bee, and 3) Rock Roll &Run for Education. We also provide grants in STEM, Beautification, Arts and Professional Development.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Yago Cura • ycura@lapl.org

The Los Angeles Public Library provides free and easy access to information, ideas, books and technology that enrich, educate and empower every individual in our city's diverse communities.

LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS

lawa.org • flylax.org

Los Angeles World Airports

Loyola Marymount University

Fred Puza, Associate Director of Community Relations • (310) 338-2759 • lmu.edu

Founded in 1911, LMU is a top-ranked university rooted in the Jesuit and Marymount traditions. We are committed to fostering a diverse academic community rich in opportunity for intellectual engagement and real-world experience. We enroll an academically ambitious, multicultural, and socioeconomically diverse student body. We recruit, retain and support a diverse faculty committed to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and creativity.

NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION

(888) 777-4443 • nvf.org

The National Veterans Foundation's Mission is to serve the crisis management, information and referral needs of all U.S. veterans and their families through:

- Management and operation of the nation's only toll-free, vet-to-vet helpline for all veterans and their families.
- Public awareness programs that shine a consistent spotlight on the needs of America's veterans. • Outreach services that provide veterans and families in need with food, clothing, transportation, employment and other essential resources.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Cyndi Hench • Kentwoodnw@aol.com

Neighborhood Watch is an essential and foundational element to public safety. Neighbors knowing neighbors and looking out for one another through the sharing of information and caring about one's neighborhood.

OPICA ADULT DAY PROGRAM & COUNSELING CENTER

(310) 478-0226 • opica.org

OPICA has been serving adults challenged with memory loss and their families in the West LA area for 40 years by providing comprehensive programming specifically focused on all stages of memory loss. This compassionate and stimulating day program takes place in a nurturing environment that includes a variety of cognitive enriching art, music, and physical activities that enhances the quality of life for adults with dementia. OPICA's mission also includes supporting family caregivers through counseling, education, and respite care; while increasing community understanding of memory disorders through education, resource referral, and professional training.

OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Inez Bush, Associate Director, Pre-College Programs • (310) 665-6800 • otis.edu

A leader in art and design education for over 100 years, Otis College of Art and Design is a non-profit 501(c)3 institution and national leader in art and design education granting BFA and MFA degrees. Otis College Extension offers adult (18 years and up) certificate programs, personal and professional development courses, summer residencies, as well as classes and camps for children and youth from age 5 through 18. The college has many programs that are free to the public including two galleries, the Ben Maltz Gallery showcasing regional, national, and international established and emerging artists, and the Bolsky Gallery showcasing Fine Arts seniors' exhibitions, as well as free lectures, visiting artist series, an annual final exhibition, and many free public events throughout the year.

PACIFIC ART GUILD

Roberta Montgomery • (310) 649-6765 • pacificartguild.com

The Pacific Art Guild was founded in 1958 as a non-profit community resource. The art guild was established to raise the level of fine art awareness and provide a forum of learning and encouragement for local artists in the use of all art mediums. The guild offers monthly meetings which include demonstrations by well-know artists and a mini-art show and raffle. The PAG also hosts an annual art show with awards and cash prizes. Visitors are welcome at both the monthly meetings and the annual art show and sale.

PLAYA STAIRS PROJECT

Naomi Hochman • (310) 980-1674 • playastairsproject@gmail.com

Strengthening our community through the beautification of the Earldom Avenue stairs. A mosaic tile mural representative of our community featuring the beach, surf, volleyball, LMU, the blue butterfly fly, Ballona Wetlands and much more. The Playa Stairs Project are located at 342 Culver. This is a grass roots public art project. With you help we have secured matching donations from Mike Bonin CD11 and the Drollinger Family Trust. Please stop by our table and see how beautiful our stairs will be!

PLAYA VENICE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

Gwen Vuchsas • (310) 963-9494 • playavenice.org

Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club is a service organization with 80 members. The club meets on Wednesday mornings at Whiskey Red's Restaurant in Marina del Rey. We are the perfect blend of fun, friendship and service and committed to helping our community with our 40+ projects and programs. We invite you to be our guest for breakfast any Wednesday morning.

ROTARY CLUB OF WESTCHESTER

Darlene Fukuji, President • (808) 429-1155 • rotary-westchester.com

Rotary Club of Westchester is the friendliest club in town! We are a diverse club comprised of business and community leaders who live and/or work in the area. We have been serving our community since 1950, and our rich history is something that inspires us to continue to serve our community, especially as it changes. We are a very active club, with more than 40+ projects that we participate in throughout the year both locally and internationally.

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 927

scoutmaster@troop927.com

The goal of Troop 927 is to provide a quality scouting experience that will allow our youth to develop leadership and life skills as they advance through the Scouting ranks. Chartered since 1953 in Los Angeles and at Covenant Presbyterian Church since 1965, Scouts BSA Troop 927 has been serving the Westchester community. Our linked Girl's Troop 927 started in March 2019. Currently, there are over 40 Scouts, both boys and girls, participating in our scouting program. The program of Troop 927 follows the national standards but at the same time includes a unique set of program elements which are a reflection of the leadership and the community we serve.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTINELA VALLEY

(310) 649-56272 • centinelaadobe.org

The Historical Society of Centinela Valley shares the beginning of the South Bay Cities formed from what was the 24,000-acre Rancho Centinela. Originally formed to purchase and preserve the 1834 Adobe home central to the vast land holdings, the society continues to gather artifacts which help us remember how the area changed through the decades and how several local area residents changed the world. We desire that more local residents become aware of our exciting local history and become interested in sharing that history as volunteers. Free tours are available every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are also available any day by appointment. We welcome schools and all groups. Our major events are our annual Fiesta on the second Sunday in September and our annual Western BBQ on the third Sunday in June.

THE HOLISTIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Margie Hanson • (310) 306-1453 • mbca@holisticchamberofcommerce.com

Looking for holistic and eco-friendly products, services and solutions? The Holistic Chamber of Commerce is a great way to find holistic professionals & practitioners who are reputable, reliable and caring. Solutions for your health, lifestyle and business. www.holisticchamberofcommerce.com

THE PACIFIC AREA BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

Diane Barretti, President • (310) 414-1101 • pacificboosters.org

The Pacific Boosters Association is made up of local businesses interested and committed to support the Pacific Area LAPD Station and Youth Groups. We are a fundraising organization and are actively welcoming new members and volunteers. The Pacific Area Boosters Association was Incorporated in 1973 as a 501c (3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

TOASTMASTERS SPEAKERS BY THE SEA

**Mallory Greener / Arlett Castanon-Hill • (310) 500-8955 or (323) 833-2370
mallory@slickandslicker.com • arlett@emal.com • toastmasters.org**

Toastmasters Meeting is a speaking workshop - members work at their own pace on both prepared and impromptu speeches. Visitors are always welcome - drop in to learn how Toastmasters can improve public speaking skills. Meetings every Wednesday, 11am - 12pm at the Hyperion plant near Dockweiler beach.

VENICE - MARINA - LAX LIONS CLUB

Sara Clark • e-clubhouse.org

We are a local club that belongs to a regional, district, national and international organization that raises money to serve many needy groups locally and world wide: schools for disabled, programs for medically needy, the blind, deaf, with diabetes and a camp for disabled and also donate to those who need eye glasses. We collect used eye glasses and prepare them to donate to needy persons. Lions is over 100 years old.

WALLIS ANNEBERG PETSPACE

(424) 384-1801 • annenbergpetspace.org

Annenberg PetSpace is a unique community space featuring an interactive place for pet adoptions, an education center, and a leadership institute. Annenberg PetSpace focuses squarely on the mutually beneficial and dynamic bond between people and their pets, as well as the origins and science of that relationship.

WESTCHESTER - LOYOLA VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Rita Romero • (310) 348-1096 • rromero@lapl.org

The Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library has the privilege of serving the Westchester - Loyola Village Branch community. As part of the Los Angeles Public Library system we offer patrons books, DVDs, books on CD, CDs, e-Media, and databases. Additionally we offer a plethora of programming throughout the year. "The Los Angeles Public Library provides free and easy access to information, ideas, books and technology that enrich, educate and empower every individual in our city's diverse communities." – Los Angeles Public Library Mission Statement

WESTCHESTER ELKS

Patty Crockett • (310) 821-3005

Social club and philanthropic organization that supports the community with grants. Students with scholarships and veterans with services and food.

WESTCHESTER FAMILY YMCA
(310) 670-4316 • ymcala.org

Strengthening communities is our cause. That's why we're here working with you every day, making sure that you, your family and community have the resources and support you need to learn, grow and thrive.

WESTCHESTER FARMERS' MARKET
Cynthia Rogers • (310) 936-9060 • westchesterfarmersmkt.com

Join us each and every Sunday (9-2pm) in downtown Westchester for a day of health, wellness, and community. As a certified farmers' market, we have a range of farmers, ranchers, and vendors serving artisanal goods along with plenty of brunch options, kids activities, and live music. For more info, please connect to our website at: www.westchesterfarmersmkt.com

WESTCHESTER LIVING
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Westchester Living is a high end glossy micro targeted community based publication, using "SOCIAL MEDIA" in print as our platform. We bring the community and businesses together through CONTENT MARKETING and BRANDING, as well as offering unique sponsorship opportunities for businesses, as experts, who can educate the community about their individual field. Each month, a family from Westchester is featured on the cover, along with a write up of that family.

WESTCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH GUILD
Linda Peterson, President • westchestermhg.org

The Westchester Mental Health Guild (WMHG) is a nonprofit membership organization incorporated in 1962, to raise funds to support the Airport Marina Counseling Service (AMCS) and otherwise support affordable mental health care by hosting several fundraising events each year. Our fundraising efforts include the Holiday Home Tour, Garden Tour, Spring Tea and highlighted speaker for our Annual Meeting. Our Newsletter, The Guild Gab, is published biannually (January and July) containing interesting articles about our members and fundraising events. Please contact us on our website: www.westchestermhg.org.

WESTCHESTER RECREATION CENTER
Kortley Norris, Senior Recreation Director II • (310) 670-7473 • Kortley.Norris@lacity.org

Westchester Recreation Center is a City park that offers social, sports, cultural and recreational activities for all ages serving Westchester and the surrounding communities. The facilities include 2 indoor gyms, 3 baseball fields, 1 multipurpose field, 1 outdoor basketball court, 5 picnic areas, a playground, a senior center, a seasonal pool, and a skatepark.

WESTCHESTER SENIOR CENTER
Cristina Lovett, Recreation Coordinator • (310) 649-3319 • cristina.lovett@lacity.org

The Westchester Senior Center is a City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks facility for adults 50 years and older. We're a place to make friends while having lunch, playing bingo, or participating in any of our fitness classes, cultural classes, or special events. Most activities are free; all are definitely fun!

WESTCHESTER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER CLUB

Kathy Saenz, Corresponding Secretary • ktsaenz@yahoo.com

The Senior Center Club operates under the auspices of the City of L.A. Federation of Senior Center Clubs. The Club meets in the Westchester Senior Center and sponsors activities such as Bingo, casino trips and tours, holiday lunches and parties, a book club, guest speakers, musical entertainment, and more. Dues are \$12 per year for those over 50; \$6 per year for seniors over 90.

WESTCHESTER/PLAYA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Art Wexler • (310) 701-2161 • art.wexler@edwardjones.com

The Westchester/Playa Historical Society's purpose is to gather, study, and preserve the history of the Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista communities.

WESTSIDE PACIFIC VILLAGES

(310) 695-7030 • thewpv.org

Westside Pacific Villages is a volunteer-driven, non-profit, 501(c)(3) membership organization, with the goal of helping residents ages 55+ with routine tasks to enhance their independence so they can maintain an active, healthy lifestyle. We provide services to residents of Westchester, Marina del Rey, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Culver City, Ladera Heights, El Segundo, Mar Vista, and adjacent communities.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLAYA DEL REY

Carol Binngton, Membership Chair • cbinnington@gmail.com

FB & Instagram: [gfwwomansclubplayadelrey](https://www.facebook.com/gfwwomansclubplayadelrey)

A member of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, we are an organization of women of all ages with a diverse range of interests, talents, and backgrounds. Volunteering our time and energy, we support and promote civic, cultural and educational efforts in our community. Lunch meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month.



PLAYA VENICE SUNRISE

We meet on Wednesday mornings, 7:15 a.m. at Whiskey Red's Restaurant, [13813 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey](#)

Website: playavenice.org
For Info, contact [\(310\) 963-9494](tel:(310)963-9494)

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