



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA

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DATE PICKED FOR 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION

Neighborhood Councils are designed to give all individuals: residents, business owners, property owners, renters, youth, non-profit providers and others a more effective way to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Through Neighborhood Councils, all stakeholders will have a better way to understand the issues that divide them, and find common solutions through the bonds of friendship and community.

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) is governed by a board of directors elected by our community that meets monthly. NCWP's goal is to increase public participation in government and advocate at City Hall and elsewhere for our community. Our Neighborhood Council has the ability to build our community and nourish the democratic spirit of individuals through shared values such as compassion,

tolerance and equality.

The board includes 31 members, and all 31 seats will be up for election in the next election on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

While Neighborhood Councils have long had the responsibility of running the elections themselves, the 2010 election will be run by the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office, which has yet to finalize a polling location(s).

So, mark your calendars now for April 11, and cast your vote.

Of course, be sure to watch this monthly update to find out more details regarding the place and times for the election itself or check out the Neighborhood Council's website at www.ncwpdr.org.

TEST YOUR AMERICAN HISTORY KNOWLEDGE

BY STEVEN JAYSON, PLAYA VISTA RESIDENT

Q: Were any presidents either born or died on July 4?

A: Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. James Monroe died on July 4, 1831.

Q: Is there any place where the flag is never lowered?

A: The U.S. Capitol building Washington, D.C.; Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland; the Moon.

Q: Has any president served in Congress after leaving office?

A: Two. Andrew Johnson in the Senate; John Quincy Adams in the House of Representatives.

Q: Has any president served on the Supreme Court?

A: William Taft was Chief Justice of the U.S.

Q: Has there ever been a six-star general?

A: Only John Pershing and George Washington. There have been five, five-star generals including President Eisenhower. There are currently 12 four-star generals in the army.

Q: What presidents graduated from the service academies?

A: Grant and Eisenhower from West Point; Carter from Annapolis.

Q: Has any president had a Ph.D.?

A: Woodrow Wilson has the dual distinction of being the only president to have earned a Ph.D., and, the only president to be buried in Washington D.C.

Happy Fourth of July from the NCWP!

MARINA DEL REY ANGLERS OFFERS FREE CLASSES FOR LOCAL ANGLERS

Information courtesy of Ron Ballanti and Jack Topal

Whoever thought going to the library could be fun, and make you a better fisherman? Now it can, because in connection with the Playa Vista Public Library, Southern California-based fishing club Marina Del Rey Anglers (MDRA) has instituted an ongoing series of free seminars designed to make better, safer anglers out of all who attend.

The brainchild of MDRA Vice President Joshua Gerson, these seminars are open to the general public (not just club members) and feature hands-on advice and instruction from top experts in the field. Previous classes have covered the important "technical" topics of knot tying and rigging for Southern California fishing, as well as top techniques for local surf fishing and targeting pelagic game fish, such as tuna, yellowtail and dorado.

These classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Los Angeles Public Library's Playa Vista Branch, located at 6400 Playa Vista Drive. The library provides a comfortable learning environment for up to 70 students, complete with Audio/Visual support. MDRA not only arranges for expert instructors, but also

provides any necessary materials, so anglers don't have to bring anything but their desire to learn and catch more fish.

Not only does MDRA sponsor the annual Marina del Rey Halibut Derby – the oldest and largest fishing tournament on the West Coast – but the proceeds from that event help pay for youth fishing trips aboard the "Betty O" twice a day on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. While most trips are open to youth organizations, including YMCAs and Boys and Girls Clubs, some are reserved especially for the blind or those with developmental disabilities.

"Each kid has a mentor that works with them and teaches them how to fish and helps them along," said NCWP Board Member Jack Topal, who has served as a mentor for the past four years. "It's a great program."

To find out how to become a mentor and join a youth fishing trip, please call (310) 391-5539. To learn more about the group's free seminars, anglers should contact Gerson at (818) 439-1157 or email joshuagerson@gmail.com.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Airport Relations: 4th Thursday at 6 p.m.
LAX Soundproofing Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Budget & Finance: As Needed at 5:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Bylaws: As Needed
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Communications: As Needed
Loyola Village Library, 7714 Manchester Blvd.

Education: 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Elections: As Needed
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

Governmental Affairs/City Services: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
8740 La Tijera Blvd.

Membership/Marketing: As Needed
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

Planning and Land Use: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

Public Safety: 4th Monday at 6:30 p.m.
8740 La Tijera Blvd.

Lincoln Streetscape: As Needed
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Sepulveda Streetscape: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.