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"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."

CWP~ Plato



Todd the Volunteer Named Star of the Neighborhood

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa is proud to announce that Todd "The Volunteer" Olin has been named the 2021 Star of the Neighborhood. He will be recognized in the annual Fourth of July Parade on Sunday.

When people see Todd picking up trash on the side of the road, it's not hard to think that something unusual is happening. Todd routinely wears a white T-shirt and a Dayglow orange vest, but he's not part of a city work crew — it's just him out there, and a single handcart bursting with well-worn tools.



But three words emblazoned in thick black marker on handwritten signs and the back of his vest identify this man as someone who has christened himself with a unique identity rooted in dignity through selfless hard work: "Todd the Volunteer."

Over the years, Todd the Volunteer has stuffed hundreds of plastic trash bags with litter and debris he's singlehandedly picked up along local streets, arranging them in neat piles or orderly rows that can stretch for a whole city block. From Abbot Kinney and Washington boulevards to the Ballona Wetlands to Manchester Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, it seems Todd is everywhere.

"Every person that has ever stopped has said, 'Man, I wish there was more people like you!'" Olin told The Argonaut newspaper.

As Todd the Volunteer, Olin has been laboring to win recognition of the dignity and untapped potential of homeless people since becoming homeless himself in 2015.

"A lot of people don't think I look like a homeless person. ... But what does a homeless person look like?" he asked.

Olin describes himself as a "pioneer" who's carving a path along which any able-bodied person of sound mind can work his or her way off the streets and out of homelessness.

"There's barriers, when you're homeless, to getting a job—like not having a resume or being able to get ready for an interview. It's difficult to wake up behind a dumpster and get to your job at eight o'clock," Olin told the Argonaut. But the way he sees it, "Your interview is right there on the street. I've had over 60 job offers doing that."

He recognizes that his decision to remain homeless despite other opportunities confounds some of those who stop to donate water, clothing or cash.

"I could have been off the street after three months, when I got my first job offer, but I knew that I was on to something. I couldn't take a job without doing everything I possibly could to get this to become a national thing," he said. "I believe in my mission. If I can get this plan out there and available to homeless people as an option, what greater accomplishment could there be?"

Search "Todd the Volunteer" on GoFundMe or email toddthevolunteer@gmail.com to contact Olin or fund his ongoing work.

NCWP Election Results

Here are the official results of the Neighborhood Council Playa/Westchester election on June 8. The winning candidates are listed in bold along with the number of votes cast for each candidate. Elected board members will be seated at the board's July 7 meeting.

Residential District 2 Director
GREG ANIOLEK 908
STEPHANIE POPESCU 627
CHRIS CARR 54
MICHAEL KOSS 40

Business Director
Zip Code 90045
GEOFF MALEMAN 1199

Residential District 4 Director
JANA KOPPULA 995

Business Director
Zip Code 90293
AL HERNANDEZ 819
SHERRY LAMBIE 651

Residential District 6 Director
GREG MELTON 999
MARTHA HOLT 542

Community Organization Director
CAREY BEGBIE WESTERFIELD 899

Residential District 8 Director
THOMAS M. FLINTOFT 933
CHRISTY SKURA 675
KENNETH CLIVE 13

Education Director
FANEEZA MOHAMED 901

Residential District 10 Director
JOHN LOGSDON 966
CORY BIRKETT 492
MATTHEW PARRISH 96

Service Club and Fraternal Organization Director
ALAN M. QUON 809
ERIN CUETO 653

Residential District 12 Director
DENNY SCHNEIDER 1003
ANDY SYWAK 626

Youth Organization Director
HEATHER TUTTLE 895

Residential District 14 Director
JENNIFER KINGSHOTT 977
LOUIE MAGGIOTTO 648

At-Large Community Interest Director
THERESA TORRANCE 899
JENNIFER BUSCHER 571

At-Large Director Seat 1
JULIE ROSS 926
ALFREDO HERNANDEZ 572
KEVIN OBRIEN 56
AKOSUA KOKO BATES 52
IAN KOHLENSTEIN 11
MICHAEL FESTA 9

Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2021

via Zoom



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