

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA

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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



City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks

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WE'RE BACK!

Westchester 50+ Activity Programming would like to welcome you back! We have some exciting classes in store for you! Save the date for what's to come!

Grab N' Go Lunch
Monday - Friday Starting 9/27/21
Time: 11:00a - 12:00p
\$2.50 Suggested Donation for Ages 62+

Book Club
1st Monday of the Month
Starting 10/04/21
Time: 3:00p - 4:00p
Book of the Month:
"The Library Book" By Susan Orlean
For monthly selection email cristina.lovett@lacity.org

Bingo
Wednesdays Starting 9/29/21
Time: 12:00p - 2:00p
25 cents per card
(max. 6 cards)

Walking Club
Fridays Starting 10/1/21
Time: 8:00a - 9:30a
Meet At: Playground
Donations Welcomed
(to cover cost of snacks & water)

Paint N' Pour
Date: November 6th
Fee: \$5 Time: 10:30a - 2:30p
Relax while painting, listening to music & more!
Pre-Registration Required. Register Now!

Sip N' Sew
Dates: Nov. 13 & Dec. 11
Fee: \$5 (each session) Time: 10:30a - 2:30p
Enjoy a day of sewing, listening to music & sippin' your favorite Fall beverage!
Pre-Registration Required. Register Now!

Art Tuesdays
Dates: Oct. 5 - Oct. 26
Fee: \$20 (for 4 weeks) Time: 10:00a - 11:00a
Let's be creative together and explore different Art techniques from different genres!
Pre-Registration Required. Register Now!

Bones For Life®
Dates: Nov. 5 - Dec. 17
Fee: Free (6 weeks) Time: 10:00a - 11:30a
Bones for Life® is an approach to exercise that is a safe and easy way to keep our bones strong through proper alignment and increased blood flow. Join the fun!

OUR PROGRAMS AND CLASSES WILL ADHERE TO THE L.A. COUNTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GUIDELINES
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS AND CLASSES. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE WITH PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Questions? Contact Us At:
(310) 670-7473 or email us at:
westchester.recreationcenter@lacity.org

All activities will temporarily take place at Westchester Recreation Center
Located At: 7000 W. Manchester Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90045

NCWP Asks Bonin to Step Up City's Homeless Efforts

While the Neighborhood Council lauded Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin for his recently approved Encampment to Home initiative, board members at their November 2 meeting approved a letter urging him to accept help from all corners of the city and beyond to deal with the homeless crisis.

"We ask Councilman Mike Bonin, to use any and every current employee within the City and County of Los Angeles to address the encampment situations in Westchester Park, in and along the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve and within five-hundred (500') feet from schools," read the letter approved unanimously by the board, adding that the NCWP urges the Councilman to, "restore residents' wellbeing, safety and quality of life, and secure better accommodations, mental health treatment and life opportunities for the homeless."

Last week, the Los Angeles City Council approved \$1.1 million for an Encampment to Home program to house the homeless living in Westchester Park. The funds will help pay for hotel rooms for those who have been living in the park that features a popular children's

play area, tennis courts, a swimming pool and Bonin's district headquarters.

There are about 70 people still living in tents and an additional 10 in cars, according to Haley Fuselier, senior director of Greater Los Angeles Programs for PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), the non-profit tasked with outreach at the park.

Bonin's office said it will soon release a timeline for clearing the park and enforcing anti-camping ordinances.

The NCWP board said it appreciates the latest move, though some were skeptical things at the park would change fast enough, especially since the Councilman has repeatedly said he opposes any assistance from L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva.

The NCWP letter asked Bonin to take advantage of all available resources, "including help from the Los Angeles County Sheriff, to address this growing concern that impacts us all."

"We are stronger and better together than when we are alone," the letter read.

Fire Department Plans for Evacuation Drill, Seeks Volunteers

Planning has already begun for a full-scale evacuation drill the Los Angeles City Fire Department is planning for 2022 in the communities of Westchester and Playa del Rey.

LAFD Battalion Chief Linda Cessor told the board of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa that the drill will simulate a massive evacuation event as the result of a community emergency, earthquake, tsunami, etc., and will be designed to help emergency responders test communications

and strategies. In addition, the drill will enable members of the community understand how best to deal with such a situation.

Cessor said her department is currently seeking community volunteers to "evacuate" during the drill as well as those who will play the role of residents who shelter in place during the emergency event. Residents who may be interested in volunteering should contact Cessor at linda.cessor@lacity.org.



Evacuation Drill

Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

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

via Zoom



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