

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



UPDATE: 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Postponed

NEW DATE: February 22 - 24, 2022

The Homeless Count will still be conducted over three nights in different parts of the region:

February 22, 2022: San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys

February 23, 2022: West Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, and the South Bay

February 24, 2022: Antelope Valley, Metro LA, and South Los Angeles

Sign up today to volunteer
at theycountwillyou.org.
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2022 Greater LA Homeless Count Rescheduled for Feb. 22-24

Preparations for the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count are officially underway! Recently, there was a virtual launch with over 200 stakeholders from across the Greater Los Angeles area where the latest developments for the upcoming count were shared. You can watch the launch video at bit.ly/3xHVJ9L

The 2022 Greater LA Homeless Count, originally scheduled for January 25-27, has been rescheduled. The Homeless Count for our area will be conducted on Wednesday, February 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Westchester Municipal Building, 7166 W. Manchester Ave. More than 70 volunteers are needed.

To sign up and volunteer for the count, please visit www.theycountwillyou.org

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) to hold a biennial Point-In-Time (PIT) Count during odd-number years. Beginning in 2016, the Los Angeles CoC started holding the Homeless Count annually to analyze the trends of people experiencing homelessness. The annual Homeless Count

is an essential component in getting vital information that helps us provide an accurate picture of the state of homelessness in Los Angeles and deliver services where they are most needed. It also increases general homelessness awareness with the public and increases engagement with leaders, residents, and stakeholders.

This year, Homeless Count volunteers will be able to download Akido Connect "LA Homeless Count App" from their Apple or Android App Stores. Akido Connect, the App developed by Akido Labs, will replace the pen and paper tally system, and volunteers will mark their tallies directly in the mobile app. Deployment Site Coordinators will have access to a dashboard where they can view the tallies for specific Census Tracts. LAHSA will be able to securely access the data in real-time for data analysis.

The results will be released to the public in Summer 2022, at which time the presentation and data summaries will be published at www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/



NCWP Decides to Focus Grant Program on Park

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa passed a motion to "create a theme and plan for the remainder of the fiscal year's 2021-22 Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa's budget allocated to neighborhood purpose grants (NPGs) and community improvement projects (CIPs) to focus on, but not be exclusive to, improving the aesthetics, accessibility and opportunities for community engagement in the Westchester Park."

NPGs, or Neighborhood Purpose Grants, are a way for neighborhood councils to partner with and support non-profit organizations and public schools on projects that provide a public benefit to the community. Eligible organizations include 501(c)(3) non-profits as well

as public schools. (Please note that grants cannot be issued to religious organizations or to private schools.)

These grants, which are typically between \$500 and \$5000, are awarded from the neighborhood council's yearly budget.

A Neighborhood Purpose Grant must provide a demonstrable benefit to the community. An NPG activity should build community, enhance the neighborhood, and be open, accessible, and free to the general public.

To apply for a NPG, applicants should visit the City Clerk's website for more details at www.tinyurl.com/2p853pwp

Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022

via Zoom



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