## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA

Working together to improve our communities!

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



## How the Neighborhood Council Helps Your Neighborhood

By Lisa Gaines, Westchester resident since 1987

Until recently, I didn't know what the Neighborhood Council (NC) did. I imagine there are many neighbors in the same situation. So, here's some basic information:

First and foremost, the NC is a group of dedicated volunteers that spend an inordinate amount of time to get current on issues that impact our communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista. It is comprised mostly of residents. The goal of the NC is to provide the city council member with a pulse of how the community views relevant issues.

The NC has nine special committees that dig deep into the details of the issues and then bring their research to the NC board for review and voting. The committees include: Airport Relations, Budget & Finance, Community Services, Community Plan Ad Hoc, Education, Government Affairs, Outreach, Planning & Land Use, and Public Safety. All are open to the public to attend; the agenda and minutes of what has been discussed is available for public to review. We encourage you to send an email to the committee members with your ideas and/or provide a short comment during the meetings.

Want to help your neighborhood? Tell your neighbors about the NC and invite them to get involved. Simply, go onto the website: **NCWPDR. org** where you can sign up for the newsletter and updates.



## WET WEATHER PREPARATION FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON

In order to prepare for the upcoming 2023/24 Wet Weather Season, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) has updated the annual Wet Weather Plan in order to protect the public health and safety during a wet weather event. This plan is implemented during the official wet weather season spanning each year from October 15 to April 15.

As part of the implementation of this plan, LASAN has been:

- Meeting regularly to discuss issues encountered during the 2022/23 wet weather season, implementing lessons learned.
- Reviewing wastewater collection system flow monitoring locations and performing modeling studies to update action trigger levels to ensure resources are allocated when needed
- ◆ Training designated staff on Storm Commander duties to ensure effective communication during wet weather events. This training covers not only the historic wet weather challenges in Los Angeles but also recent observations and any necessary considerations related to active collection system construction projects.
- ◆ Training staff to review and report on the 180+ collection system flow monitoring sites during wet weather events.
- Enhancing existing reporting protocols through the use of standardized forms and distribution lists.
- Developing maps and schematics of the wastewater collection system in order to make informed decisions during wet weather events.
- ▶ Preparing LASAN's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure through inspecting, cleaning, and maintaining components in order to optimize overall system performance.





**Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Board Meeting:** 

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2024

@ CD11 Community Room | 7166 W. Manchester Ave., in Westchester



