

# 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."

~ Plato



## Check Out All the PlayaLA Options at Westchester Recreation Center

The spring season registration for the PlayLA Youth and Adaptive Youth Sports opened March 4. Classes and clinics are available for youth ages 3-17.

REGISTRATION: [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

"At the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), we believe in the power of sports to foster growth, teamwork, and joy in our community's youth," said Veronica Polanco, Chief Innovation Officer for PlayLA. "That's why we're asking for support in sharing the information with your community and inviting folks to register kids in for our upcoming PlayLA sports programs."

Thanks to the LA28 Olympics and Paralympic Games commitment, the PlayLA Youth and Adaptive Youth Sports Program provides affordable and accessible sports programming to kids of all abilities through Los Angeles. At 88 pre-qualified recreation centers and 36 pools sports programs are automatically offered for \$10.

Every one of the city's recreation centers and pools offers the PlayLA program. Pre-qualified centers and pools offer \$10 youth sports programming. All other sites have waivers available for those who qualify.

Eligible income for waivers is \$91,000. The low-income limit is established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

From baseball to surfing, PlayLA leagues and clinics offer a fantastic opportunity for children to learn new skills, make friends, and stay active in a fun and supportive environment.

Here are highlights from some of the many PlayLA Spring Sports offerings:

- PlayLA baseball teaches teamwork, coordination, and strategic thinking while promoting essential social skills and a lifelong love for the sport.
- Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) softball teaches young girls fundamental skills with an emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship, coaches guiding them to improve throwing, catching, and hitting, fostering leadership and friendships through regular gameplay and practice sessions.
- PlayLA Learn to Kayak teaches youth basic kayaking skills, including kayak parts, launching, navigation, safety, and paddling in open water, promoting outdoor exploration and lifelong recreation in otherwise unreachable places. Perfect for those kids who love adventure!
- Adaptive Swimming makes a splash with fundamental skills for youth with disabilities, improving motor skills, coordination, and cardiovascular health, all while having a "fin-tastic" time and building confidence and balance



through strokes like crawl, backstroke, butterfly, and breaststroke.

To learn about all the PlayLA Spring Season, please visit [www.laparks.org/play-la](http://www.laparks.org/play-la). Don't forget to follow PlayLA on Instagram at @laparks.playla.

## Learn More at NCWP's Public Safety Committee Meeting

By John Logsdon,  
NCWP Public Safety Committee Chair

Come join the Westchester / Playa's Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday March 19 at 6:30 p.m. for an in depth conversation with the LAX Police Department.

We will tour their state-of-the-art facility and learn how the 550+ sworn officers protect one of the busiest airports in the world. Topics of discussion will include how they handle homelessness, their crisis team, responding to LAX emergencies and their growing partnership with our community.

We will also hear from our Senior Lead Officers of the LAPD Pacific Division and get an update on crime stats and recent crime issues in our area. Contact info for our Senior Lead Officers for Westchester/Playa are:

Officer Pinell – [35545@lapd.online](mailto:35545@lapd.online)  
Officer Perez – [41219@lapd.online](mailto:41219@lapd.online)  
Officer Ramirez – [39174@lapd.online](mailto:39174@lapd.online)

There will also be an update from our Los Angeles Council District 11 Field Deputy. This is a front row seat into how Public Safety works in our community.



Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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



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