



# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA

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## WESTCHESTER STREETScape IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

By John Ruhlen, President Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association

Have you driven down Sepulveda Boulevard in Westchester lately? If you have, you will have noticed a new visual environment on the Boulevard. All the new trees have leafed out for their first season, the new landscaping is filling in nicely, and there are new walkable sidewalks in the Westchester Town Center, new street lighting, new trash containers and new parallel street parking. This project has been a collaboration of the Council office, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association for nine and one half years, from design concept through construction.

One project needing to be completed is the installation of the new storm drains at 89th Street and Sepulveda Blvd. to handle the drainage problem that has existed for years. After that, the street will be resurfaced and striped. We are told this should be completed before the holidays.

Another project, currently being installed, is the new sidewalk insets. They are located on both sides of Sepulveda Blvd. between Manchester Ave. and Lincoln Blvd. Before the construction started on the Boulevard, all Flight Path Walk of Fame plaques were removed and refinished. The Walk of Fame is sponsored by the Flight Path Learning Center - Museum Board of Directors. This is an on-going

project that was started in 1995, honoring aviation pioneers, recognizing the economic importance of aviation and aerospace to Southern California and encouraging youth to pursue education and careers in aviation-related fields. The plaques are being installed in turquoise colored concrete, finished with recycled crushed glass of the same color. Along with these plaques, is a small plaque honoring the donor who funded the inset. The 115 insets will allow this project to continue for many years.



*A computer enhanced image of what Sepulveda may look like after street improvements are complete.*

The Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association invites you to take time to walk down Sepulveda Blvd in the Town Center and enjoy the new environment.

## MEETING TO DISCUSS CITY OF L.A. GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES

By Denny Schneider

Is a meltdown imminent? Concerned about taxes, fees, and available City services? Your first step is to find out what's happening.

Saturday, October 10, 2009, is an opportunity not to be missed. If you've never seen City Hall, the structure, itself, is a walk through history that is worth the trip. Then, add to this, an opportunity to hear details about our government workings. Hosted by the Mayor and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, there will be displays and presentations to explain about the City of Los Angeles' government and available services.

This informative day begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street. Two annual events are combined into one fact-filled day. Starting the day,

Mayor Villariagosa and his staff will present information about the budget crisis presently impacting us and the prospects for the upcoming year. Subsequently the Neighborhood Council Event, EmpowerLA 2009, will consist of displays manned by various City department personnel to answer questions with interchange breakout sessions addressing many pertinent city service topics.

Come hear how LA plans to address traffic woes. Hear what service cuts are most likely. How big a revenue shortfall will we have? What changes in future area Planning are anticipated? Will there be any parks or libraries when the dust clears?

Preregistration is recommended. Watch for the release of registration forms at <http://www.lacity.org/done/home.htm>. Free parking will be made available to those who preregister.

## DATE PICKED FOR 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION

Neighborhood Councils are designed to give all individuals: residents, business owners, property owners, renters, youth, non-profit providers and others a more-effective way to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Through Neighborhood Councils, all stakeholders will have a better way to understand the issues that divide them, and find common solutions through the bonds of friendship and community.

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) is governed by a board of directors elected by our community that meets monthly. NCWP's goal is to increase public participation in government and advocate at City Hall and elsewhere for our community. Our Neighborhood Council has the ability to build our community

and nourish the democratic spirit of individuals through shared values such as compassion, tolerance and equality.

The board includes 31 members, and all 31 seats will be up for election in the next election on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

While Neighborhood Councils have long had the responsibility of running the elections themselves, the 2010 election will be run by the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office, which has yet to finalize a polling location(s).

So, mark your calendars now for April 11, and cast your vote.

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

**Airport Relations:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6 p.m.  
LAX Soundproofing Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

**Board Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Budget & Finance:** As Needed at 5:30 p.m.  
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Bylaws:** As Needed  
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**Education:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Elections:** As Needed  
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.

**Governmental Affairs/City Services:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
8740 La Tijera Blvd.

**Outreach:** As Needed  
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

**Planning and Land Use:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Playa Vista Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr.

**Public Safety:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.  
8740 La Tijera Blvd.

**Lincoln Streetscape:** As Needed  
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**Sepulveda Streetscape:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Westchester Community Room, 7166 Manchester Blvd.