



Attend NCWP Committee Meetings

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa has eight standing committees that discuss various topics of interest to our community. To learn about these issues in more depth, please take the time to attend our committee meetings, and let your voice be heard.

Airport Relations

Third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Clifton Moore Administration Building, LAX

Budget and Finance

First Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
7166 W Manchester Ave., Community Room

Education

Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Loyola Village Library

Government Affairs/City Services

Meets as needed
Please check website for time and location

Homelessness & Vehicular Living

Meets as needed
Please check website for time and location

Outreach

Meets as needed
Please check website for time and location

Planning & Land Use

Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Westchester Loyola Village Library

Public Safety

Meets as needed
Please check website for time and location

BOARD MEETING

First Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Community Room @ Westchester Municipal Building

Airport Relations Committee Enlightened During LAX Tour

By Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, NCWP Board Member

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa (NCWP) Airport Relations Committee (ARC) members and guests last week got within feet of one of the largest aircraft in operation, the Airbus A380 jumbo jet, during an informative tour of Los Angeles International Airport. Although larger than most other aircraft, the A380 is quieter, more fuel-efficient and less polluting than most aircraft due to technological advances, which significantly benefits airport personnel and neighboring airport communities.



Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Airport Relations Committee (ARC) members and guest in front of the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum during an airfield tour of LAX. Pictured are John Loizeaux, Alan Quon, Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, ARC Chairman Denny Schneider, Danna Cope, Jack Topal, Craig Eggers, Nora MacLellan, Tom Flintoff and Nan Schneider.

"To see the workings of LAX and the construction projects from the perspective of a small bus was intimidating but fun," said ARC Member Nora MacLellan.

ARC member Danna Cope voiced similar comments, saying, "The development of the projects on the airfield—especially the new Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT)—is fascinating to observe."

The tour was led by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Airport Guide Ann Proctor, who pointed out the massive construction work underway at the TBIT, where the first phase of the \$1.5-billion "Bradley West" projects began in February and which is scheduled for completion in December 2012. Phase 1 includes new west side gates and a Great Hall, which Proctor says will be large enough to house the Staples Center and will have the capacity to process 4,000 passengers per hour. The project will also produce approximately 39,000 new construction related jobs.

About half way through the tour the bus driver parked alongside the area where Air Force One—the presidential airplane—parks. Tourists were treated to a bird's eye view of the new \$13 million Fire Station that Proctor said significantly increases the safety at LAX and which was paid with bonds and passenger facility charges and was no cost to taxpayers. The tour included stops by the first building constructed at LAX when the airport was called Mine's Field, in 1929, which is now an historical landmark, the Blue Butterfly Preserve area, and the Batch Patch airfield recycling area.

The hour-long tour culminated with a walk through the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum, where priceless aviation memorabilia is showcased. The Center includes historical documents from early flights including a Los Angeles Times article featuring actress Lucille Ball arriving at LAX and there are displays of some of the first flight attendant uniforms, old airfield signage, aircraft seats and more. The tour served as a fact-finding adventure for the ARC. The committee members plan to revisit LAX periodically to observe improvements and to monitor progress. Plans are underway for LAWA operations personnel to participate in future tours to explain more of the technical aspects of the Bradley West and other projects.

