

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

ABOUT US >

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL?



Los Angeles's 99 Neighborhood Councils (NCs) together form the grassroots level of the LA City government. The system was created to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall, and was established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. While NC board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

The Neighborhood Council system tailors Los Angeles' municipal government to the City's communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities' diversity is built into City governance.

Neighborhood Councils advocate on issues like homelessness, housing, land use, emergency preparedness, public safety, parks, transportation, and sustainability. They also provide local expertise and a local voice on the delivery of City services to their communities. Each Council holds monthly meetings of their full board, in addition to monthly Committee meetings with a more targeted focus on key issues or projects. All meetings are open to the public.

Do you want to get involved in the Neighborhood Council? Check out page 2 of this newsletter for more information about volunteering on a committee or visit our website, WinnetkaNC.com for details on upcoming meetings, events and council activities.

WELCOME SUMMER!

2021

On behalf of the entire Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC), we wish you and your family a safe and healthy summer. While a lot has changed in the first six months of 2021, and we hope to see you in person soon, for the time being, our meetings and events continue to be held virtually. You can find all the latest WNC news, including all our meeting notices and agendas at WinnetkaNC.com.

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GET TO KNOW THE WNC BOARD

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council is made up of 14 at large members and one youth representative. At-large members serve four-year terms, staggered so that half the board is elected every two years. This year was an election year and three new members were elected to join the board, while four existing members were reelected. Dates in parenthesis indicate when each member's term ends.

Do you have questions for the board? Email the full board at board@winnetkaNC.com.



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President
(2023)



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Vice President
(2023)



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(2023)



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(2023)



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Member-at-Large
(2023)



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(2023)



Marwa Mulk
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THE WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

With the election of a new board in May 2021, and the start of a new fiscal year on July 1, 2021, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council is taking this opportunity to seek advice and input from the Winnetka community. This survey seeks guidance from our neighbors on issues of importance and ideas for how the Winnetka Neighborhood Council can best serve its constituents.

This short, 6-question online survey will only take a few minutes to complete. We'd greatly appreciate you taking the time to respond so we can better serve our neighborhood. Take the survey at winnetkanc.com/2021survey/.



WINNETKA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN 2022

Did you know that Winnetka turns 100 next year? The Neighborhood of Winnetka was founded in 1922 to be a small, egg farming community. The community has certainly grown and prospered during the last century and we have a lot of which we can be proud.

To celebrate 100 years of community, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will be planning a centennial celebration event. Stay tuned for more information on what's to come.

Want to help plan Winnetka's birthday party? Email outreach@winnetkanc.com.

PAINT THE TOWN: UTILITY BOX MURALS COMING TO WINNETKA

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council's Outreach and Social Media Committee is leading a public art initiative to paint area utility boxes. Neighborhoods around Los Angeles show their community pride with custom designed utility box murals.

The committee is still in the planning phases and is seeking input from the community regarding designs and locations. If you have design ideas, are interested in coming out to paint, or would just like to be kept updated on the project, please email outreach@winnetkanc.com.

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council is grateful to local company Aerojet Rocketdyne for partnering with us on this project by funding the painting of three utility box murals. If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring a utility box mural, email outreach@winnetkanc.com.



VOLUNTEER ON A COMMITTEE

In the NC System, committees are where great ideas start, community concerns are discussed, budgets are developed, events are planned, and positive things get accomplished. They help Winnetka flourish. WNC Committees consist of 5-7 volunteer members from both the Board and local community. All are welcome!

PLANNING & LAND USE

The PLUM Committee provides the community a voice within Winnetka. Meetings offer committee members and stakeholders the opportunity to view detailed plans for proposed commercial and housing developments, as well as the ability to provide clarity to developers about what residents want and do not want to see built locally.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The PS Committee focuses on raising community and household safety awareness at meetings and free public events. Partnerships with local NCs, the LAPD, and other groups have provided the community with blood drives, disaster preparedness fairs, CERT trainings, and free disaster preparedness supplies.

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

The PWT Committee works with the city and other NCs to monitor and improve a variety of local and citywide infrastructure related issues such as improving bus service, parking & traffic issues, bike lanes and sharrows, local clean-ups, street and sidewalk repairs, tree trimming, road and bridge construction, and vacant buildings.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MEDIA

The OSM Committee communicates what the WNC and the City of LA are doing and how local community members can participate and offer opinions on the matters that affect their lives. Through the WNC website, Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor, print and e-newsletters this committee is the voice of the WNC.

YOUTH ADVOCACY

The YA Committee focuses on supporting Winnetka's children and their families. This committee helps host fun activities (ie. Annual Halloween Party at the Winnetka Recreation Center) and supports our local public schools.

NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS **NPG**

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council funded eight Neighborhood Purpose Grants in the first six months of 2021, including six \$300 grants to support culmination celebrations at Winnetka's neighborhood schools, one grant to assist in the development of a school garden and one grant to help purchase sheet music for the Cleveland High School Marching Band.

The Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) process provides Neighborhood Councils with greater opportunity to benefit their communities while supporting and building partnerships with local organizations. 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.) Additional information & how to apply can be found on the Los Angeles City website <https://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding/documents-and-forms>.

STANLEY MOSK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council funded a \$1,000 NPG to support Stanley Mosk Elementary School's garden. The school recently constructed an amphitheater style raised bed for outdoor learning. The WNC funds will go towards building additional raised beds and assisting in covering the cost of seeds and plants.

The garden compliments the schools STEAM programs and creates a hands-on learning opportunity for students. Located just outside the schools library, the area also serves as an outdoor space for students to relax and read.



GROVER CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTER

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council funded a \$5,000 NPG for the Grover Cleveland Charter High School Marching Band. After the COVID-19 crisis upended the band's 2020 competition season, the Cleveland Marching Band's student musicians are looking forward to an invigorated 2021 program.

Maria Sherman, president of the Grover Cleveland Charter High School Marching Band Booster Club, explained that the funding would benefit the individual students, the entire school body, and the community at large. "Having a strong music program will enhance the school's reputation both locally and throughout Southern California."

SUMMER SAFETY REMINDER >

ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN LOS ANGELES

Summertime brings all sorts of fun activities, but please remember that **all fireworks are illegal in the City of Los Angeles**. Even "safe-and-sane" varieties of fireworks are not allowed.

Not only do fireworks create a risk of personal injury, terrify pets, and create needless stress for combat veterans they also cause millions of dollars of property damage every year. So please remember to celebrate your summer holidays safely and legally by skipping all forms of fireworks.

You can report illegal fireworks directly to the Los Angeles Police Department at lapdonline.org/fireworks or by using the "MyLA 311" mobile app. To file a report using MyLA 311, download the app on your smart device, type fireworks in the search bar, and click on "Fireworks - LAPD."



DOWNLOAD THE MYLA311 APP!

Request City services from your phone

It is quick and easy! Service requests include: Homeless encampments, graffiti removal; streetlight issues; (free) bulky item or electronic waste pick-up; pot holes; sidewalk repairs; street sweeping; tree obstructions; overgrown vegetation; weed abatement; and so much more. It's easy to help keep Winnetka looking good.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. CHECK WEBSITE TO CONFIRM.

MONDAY

- WINNETKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 - 2nd Monday @ 6:00pm
- BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS (BONC)
 - 3rd Monday @ 1:00pm
- WNC PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
 - 4th Monday @ 7:00pm

TUESDAY

- BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS (BONC)
 - 1st Tuesday @ 6:00pm
- WNC OUTREACH & SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE
 - 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm
- WNC BOARD MEETING
 - 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm
- WNC PLANNING & LAND USE (PLUM) COMMITTEE
 - 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY

- SLO DAO (21A57) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
 - 2nd Wednesday
- SLO MORENO (21A5) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
 - 2nd Wednesday
- WNC PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
 - 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm

THURSDAY

- SLO PEOPKE (21A29) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
 - 2nd Thursday

FRIDAY



SATURDAY

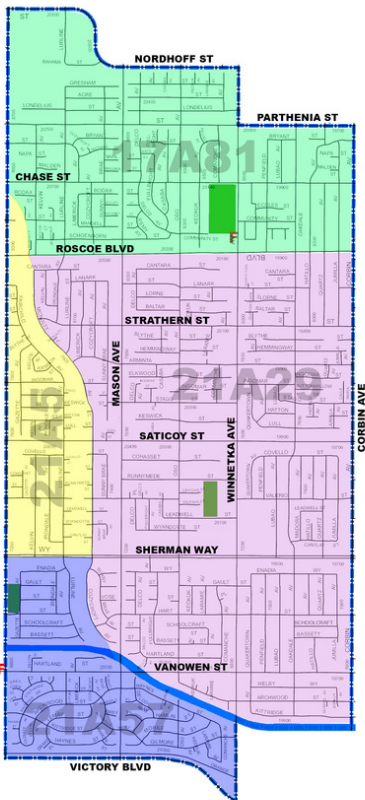
- LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION (LANCC)
 - 1st Saturday @ 10:00am



c/o Winnetka Convention Center
20122 Vanowen St.
Winnetka, CA 91306

WINNETKA RESOURCES >

MAP AND SLO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Winnetka is served by two (2) LAPD divisions and four (4) basic cars. If you are concerned about safety in your neighborhood and want to join or start a neighborhood watch, contact your **Senior Lead Officer (SLO)**, they are here to help.

In case of an emergency, call 911. For all other non-emergency calls for service, please phone (877) ASK-LAPD.

DEVONSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

10250 Etiwanda Ave, Northridge, CA 91325
call: (818) 832-0633 | TDD: (818) 832-0665

SLO Sandra Zamora Basic Car 17A81
(818) 832-0773 | 35947@lapd.online

TOPANGA COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

21501 Schoenborn St, Canoga Park, CA 91304
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Sheila Kuehl District 3

US Congress
Brad Sherman District 30

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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WINNETKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(818) 772-4838

LA CITY
311

LA COUNTY OPERATOR
(213) 974-1234

EMPOWER LA
(213) 978-1551

PARKS
QUIMBY PARK (818) 340-2633
7008 De Soto Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91303

RUNNYMEDE PARK (818) 883-8531
20200 Runnymede St, Winnetka, CA 91306

WINNETKA RECREATION CENTER (818) 756-7876
8401 Winnetka Ave, Winnetka, CA 91306

LIBRARIES www.LAPL.org
CANOGA PARK LIBRARY (818) 887-0320
20939 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91303

WEST VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY (818) 345-9806
19036 Vanowen St, Reseda, CA 91333