

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

ABOUT US >

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL?

Los Angeles's 99 Neighborhood Councils 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 Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

The Neighborhood Council system tailors LA's 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.

NEXT YEAR

In 2022, Winnetka will celebrate her centennial birthday! Planning for this milestone event starts now! How should we mark this special occasion? Send your suggestions, ideas, memories, and photos to outreach@winnetkaNC.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2021

On behalf of the entire Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC), we wish you and your family a healthy and happy new year. Whereas our days remain socially distanced, may they still be emotionally connected. Until safe to do otherwise, our meetings and events will remain virtual. It has never been easier to drop in to a meeting. Visit the www.winnetkaNC.com for details.

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GET TO KNOW THE WNC BOARD

The board 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 is an election year. Dates in parenthesis indicate when each member's term ends. Email the full board at board@winnetkaNC.com.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

PRESIDENT: **David Uerbersax** (2023)
 VICE PRESIDENT: **Erick Lace** (2023)
 SECRETARY: **Lisa Reeber** (2023)
 TREASURER: **Samantha Ludwig** (2021)
 PARLIAMENTARIAN: **Franklin Solis** (2021)
 ASSISTANT. PAR.: **Jill Kline** (2021)



AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS:

Shania Accius (2023)
Steve Furhman (2021)
Judith Giglio (2023)
Ajantha Sriramya (2021)
Alexander Tsao (2023)
Celia Vasquez (2021)
Jonathan Vickburg (2023)
****Vacant**** (2021)

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:

Marwa Mulk (2021)
 [Lake Balboa College Prep High School Student]

NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

www.winnetkaNC.com

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council website underwent a major facelift in 2020 to help make the site **more accessible** and **more informative** for Winnetka stakeholders.

The new site includes a community events calendar, a news and community updates board, as well as a robust resources page that provides information on how to get in touch with elected officials and city departments. You can also register for the Winnetka Neighborhood Council newsletter to receive email updates on Council and community happenings.

Do you have a favorite image, photograph, or location in Winnetka? Submit your pictures to communications@winnetkanc.com for an opportunity to have your submission featured on the Winnetka Neighborhood Council website!



"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors--in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."
- Mr. Fred Rogers

COVID-19 >

WNC EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The pandemic redefined how we help our neighbors in an emergency. Normally in times of need we **physically come together**, however in order to limit the spread of the virus we needed to **physically stay apart**. With the guidance and support of the city and our Councilman Bob Blumenfeld, we were able to identify safe ways to help support those most in need.

April 2020: In order to maintain social distancing requirements and take advantage of buying power, \$1,250 was donated to each of four local non-profit organizations (**Guadalupe Center, ONEgeneration, West Valley Food Pantry, & West Valley YMCA**) to provide food and services to those in need. Additionally, the YMCA provided showers for our homeless neighbors.

May 2020: Due to the unprecedented and growing demand on local food pantries the WNC voted to further support the **West Valley Food Pantry's** effort to feed those experiencing food insecurity by donating an additional \$5,000. The WNC was also able to donate unused reams of paper to the Sutter Middle Grab-n-Go to help support distant learning.

June 2020: Approved \$2,500 NPG for **Parents, Educator/Teachers in Action (PESA)** to help address issues of racism and hatred caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as part of the SHADES program of Teen Court

December 2020: Through a joint State/County initiative, a program currently known as PPE Unite is distributing, free of charge, PPE items for small businesses (100 employees or less) throughout the County. As a result of efforts by the Winnetka Neighborhood Council, the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and the United Chambers of Commerce San Fernando Valley Region, **PPE Unite** organizers have expanded distribution operations to serve the Valley and surrounding communities through a new facility in Chatsworth.

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.

YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY

2020 was a year unlike any other. Between planned events like the Census and elections, and unplanned challenges including wildfires, protests against police brutality and, of course the coronavirus pandemic, Angelinos were faced with unprecedented odds.

Like so many other organizations, the WNC also shifted processes and priorities to address the COVID-19 crisis. Starting in April, WNC board and committee meetings were held virtually via Zoom; a benefit of which is that the virtual format allowed for greater community participation. We're grateful for the new folks participating in our local government.

In 2021, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council will continue to look for creative new ways to serve our community and meet the challenges ahead. We invite you to share with us your ideas and join in the work of making Winnetka a welcoming and wonderful neighborhood.



DOWNLOAD 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS **NPG**

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>

FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS

\$1,300 to help fund a field trip into the Santa Susana Pass Historic Park for 3rd grade students at Fullbright Elementary.

CLEVELAND HS BAND BOOSTER CLUB

\$2,100 to help fund the student music program including sheet music purchase.

WELCOME NEW SUNNY BRAE & LIMERICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

SUNNY BRAE ELEMENTARY

Principal Dana Carter was selected as the new principal after former Principal Olivia Minjares retired last year. Principal Carter has worked in LAUSD for many years and is also an LAUSD parent.

Principal Carter would like to offer a few updates about Sunny Brae Elementary: They are currently working to identify and support special attention students who are having difficulty learning in the remote model. Many of the upper grade students have received instruments and are receiving music lessons virtually. Students are also receiving enrichment instruction in theatre, visual arts, and physical education. When students are able to return to campus, she hopes to get them involved in a gardening project that the Winnetka Neighborhood Council supported.

LIMERICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Sonia Baron was selected upon the retirement of former Principal Betsy Garvin at the end of last school year. Principal Baron has been working with LAUSD for 21 years. Most of her time has been spent working in the San Fernando Valley, but she also worked both in East and West Los Angeles. Before coming to Limerick Elementary, Principal Baron was the Principal of Vena Avenue Elementary School in Arleta, CA, a school which has both "high ability" and "gifted magnet" programs and 571 students.

Principal Baron has held many positions in schools and in the school district including classroom teacher, math instructional coach, school coordinator, Common Core Expert, Response to Instruction and Intervention Expert, and Bridge Coordinator.

INTEGRAL TO STUDENT SUCCESS

When safe to do so, both principals want to invite Winnetka community members to visit their schools and to volunteer in classrooms or share any personal expertise or interest they may have with the students. Our principals want to assure the community that they believe that the community is an integral part of students' success at our schools, and they both look forward to working together with the Winnetka community.

Winnetka is extremely fortunate to have such high caliber new principals in our community's schools!

VISIT THEIR WEBSITES

<https://www.sunnybrae.us/school/>

<https://limerickes-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>

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 PEOPLE (21A29) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
 - 2nd Thursday

FRIDAY



SATURDAY

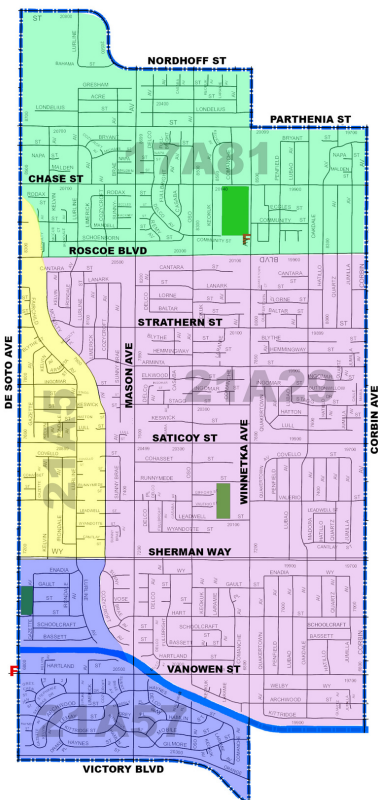
- LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION (LANCC)
 - 1st Saturday @ 10:00am



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
call: (818) 756-4800 | TDD: (818) 756-5899

SLO Jose Moreno Basic Car 21A5

(818) 731-2583 | 37748@lapd.online

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(818) 731-2569 | 35367@lapd.online

SLO Duc Dao Basic Car 21A57

(818) 731-2570 | 34218@lapd.online

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CITY COUNCIL

Bob Blumenfield District 3

STATE SENATE

Henry Stern District 27

LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD

Scott Schmerelson District 3

Nick Melvoin District 4

STATE ASSEMBLY

Jesse Gabriel District 45

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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 91335

*This location currently offering "Library to Go" Pick-Up