

Dear Residents

I hope you had a great summer. I am pleased to present the Fall 2012 issue of City Highlights. In this issue, we focus on many of the great programs and services that are available to our residents. We start with the upcoming West Hollywood Book Fair, which will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2012. This year, we will debut a new Culinary Pavilion that will include cooking demonstrations and food-related panel discussions. Celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito of "Top Chef" fame will provide live cooking demonstrations from his new book.

In this issue, we also highlight some of the City-funded social services available to our residents including free HIV testing, support services for those experiencing domestic violence, substance abuse and addiction recovery resources, and mediation/dispute resolution services.

For LGBT members of our community, the City has launched a new way to explore shared challenges and build new relationships through two new monthly discussion groups: The TRIBE WeHo Gay Men's Discussion Group and SHE Lesbians' Discussion Group.

Do you play tennis? The City's new rooftop tennis courts are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **WARNING:** the stunning rooftop panoramic views may distract you.

If you are tired of unwanted advertisements at your door, the City's Stop Door Spam program has tools to help you. Visit www.weho.org/stopdoorspam for details.

As we wind down the year, please Save the Date for the annual West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 along Santa Monica Boulevard. For the latest on what's happening in West Hollywood, visit www.weho.org

I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Paul Arevalo

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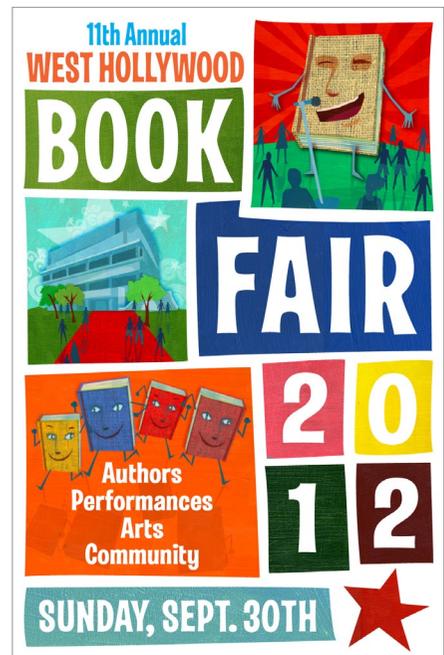
The City of West Hollywood will host its 11th Annual West Hollywood Book Fair on Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the West Hollywood Library and West Hollywood Park, 625 North San Vicente Boulevard. The West Hollywood Book Fair is one of Southern California's largest and most eclectic literary arts events, and it attracts readers, writers and performers of all ages and interests. At this year's event, the City of West Hollywood celebrates the one-year anniversary of its vibrant new library, which has quickly become an integral part of the community.

The West Hollywood Book Fair will feature acclaimed authors and artists, exhibitors, live performances, children's theater programming, and workshops across a diverse spectrum of literary works. It will also

feature new genre-specific and multi-genre stages in addition to performance areas including a Fiction Pavilion; News and Views Room; Toddlers, Tweens and Teens Stage; Mystery, Comics and Sci-Fi Stage; Eclectic Café; LGBT Lounge; Behind the Screens; and Poetry Corner.

This year, the West Hollywood Book Fair will premiere a new Culinary Pavilion that will include cooking demonstrations and food-related on-stage discussions. Celebrity chef **Rocco DiSpirito** (*The Restaurant*, *Top Chef*, *Food Talk*) will co-headline the Culinary Pavilion, providing live demonstrations from his new book, *Now Eat This! Italian: Favorite Dishes from the Real Mamas of Italy—All Under 350 Calories* followed by a book signing. Other notable authors to appear in the Culinary Pavilion

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ENJOY
farm-to-table
produce and fresh
flowers when you
shop at the Sunset
Strip Market every
Thursday evening.



New Thursday Night Sunset Strip Market a Smash Hit!

The new Sunset Strip Market, a certified farmer's market, has opened to rave reviews. The market takes place every Thursday night from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 8755 Sunset Boulevard (in the former Tower Records parking lot.). Admission is free.

Here are some of the highlights of the new Sunset Strip Market:

- **Produce and Artisan Goods**

Vendors The market features a full range of vendors offering locally grown produce, as well as artisan goods. The produce vendors are committed to supporting sustainable agriculture and healthful eating.

- **Chef's Shopping Program and Market Menus**

while the market is open to the public from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Thursday, it opens from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to local chefs. Chefs are able to pre-order produce and pick it up at the market. The Chef's Shopping Program allows restaurants to purchase fresh locally grown produce and create special Thursday night "farm to table" market menu items. The program is part of a partnership between the market and several Sunset Strip restaurants including The Eveleigh, BLT Steak and RH at Andaz.



- **Pairings Pavilion** One of the market's unique offerings is the Pairings Pavilion, which allows local and international chefs to create fresh dishes paired with appropriate wines or craft brews in cooperation with local vineyards and breweries.

- **Cooking Demonstrations** The market also features weekly Cooking Demonstrations that showcase produce purchased that day at the Sunset Strip Market.

- **Veggie Valet** To encourage patrons to shop and then enjoy the restaurants and

entertainment on the Sunset Strip, they can take advantage of a Veggie Valet, where they can leave their market purchases for the evening and pick them up before returning home.

- **Entertainment** In keeping with The Sunset Strip's reputation as an entertainment destination, live music, comedians, and performance artists will appear weekly on stage at the market.

Parking for the Sunset Strip Market is available at several adjacent parking lots for \$5 with validation from the market. For more information about the Sunset Strip Market, please go to www.sunsetstripmarket.com or call (310) 659-7368.

Need to Look for a Job or a Quiet Place to Study? Visit the West Hollywood Library

If you're in the midst of a job search or need a quiet place to study, the West Hollywood Library has a variety of resources for you.

The Wells Fargo Career Development Center houses the Jewish Vocational Services/West Hollywood Employment Services and Training program (JVS/WHEST) and provides free job searches, placement assistance, referrals to training programs and many other services for job seekers. Equipped with computers, printers, copiers and extensive resource materials, the Wells Fargo Career Center offers a launch pad for entry or re-entry into the workforce.

In addition, private study rooms for meetings or group work are available on a first-come,

first-serve basis. Free Wi-Fi access is available in each study room as well as throughout the library for use with personal devices. The West Hollywood Library provides a total of 44 computers with internet access for users. The West Hollywood Library holds more than 150,000 volumes as well as magazines, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and special collections

that reflect West Hollywood's vibrant diversity.

The West Hollywood Library is located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard in West Hollywood. Three-hour free validated parking is available in the West Hollywood Library parking lot.

For more information, please contact (310) 652-5340 or visit colapublib.org/libs/whollywood



Three new tennis courts with stunning rooftop panoramic views are available for West Hollywood residents to use! The new West Hollywood Park tennis courts are open to the public Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and are located on the rooftop of the 5-Story Parking Structure located at West Hollywood Park (adjacent to the library), 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. The tennis courts can be accessed by using the parking structure elevator or the stairwells. Tennis courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis and reservations are not needed.

Parking validation is available at the Parking Garage office located on the ground floor prior to 10 a.m. Parking validation can also be obtained at the West Hollywood Park office from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The following are rules for use of the new tennis courts:

- The ethics of tennis and sportsmanship shall prevail.
- Only persons wearing tennis shoes shall be allowed.
- When others are waiting and no courts are available:
 - Players may rally for 30 minutes or one set of singles or doubles may be played with a five-minute warm up.
 - Sets resulting in a 6-6 tie shall be determined by a nine-point tiebreaker.
 - No more than six tennis balls allowed on a tennis court at any time.
 - Two persons must remain on court while waiting, one person may not hold the court.
 - No animals allowed on tennis courts.
 - No bicycles, skateboards or roller skates permitted on tennis courts unless part of an approved City-conducted program.

For more information, contact the West Hollywood Park Office at (323) 848-6534 or visit www.weho.org

Take in the spectacular views of the cityscape while playing on the free tennis courts at West Hollywood Park.



The City operates a number of low-cost public parking structures and lots throughout West Hollywood. Stunning artwork by street artist RETNA is exhibited on the 5-story parking garage located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, adjacent to West Hollywood Park.

QUEENS LOT

8459 Sunset Boulevard
Sunset Boulevard and Queens Road

SPAULDING LOT

7718 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica Boulevard and Spaulding Avenue

SUNSET LOT

8775 Sunset Boulevard
Sunset Boulevard and Olive Drive

WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK – MUNICIPAL PARKING STRUCTURE II – 5-STORY STRUCTURE

625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
Melrose Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard

WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY – MUNICIPAL PARKING STRUCTURE III – LIBRARY GARAGE

625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
Melrose Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard

For a complete list of rates for each structure and lot, please visit www.weho.org For more information, please call (323) 848-6375.

There are a variety of places to park throughout West Hollywood.

Below is a list of available public parking lots and garages.

BONNER LOT

8700 block of Beverly Boulevard
Robertson Boulevard and Beverly Boulevard

HANCOCK PARKING STRUCTURE

901 Hancock Avenue
Santa Monica Boulevard and Hancock Avenue

KINGS ROAD PARKING STRUCTURE

8383 Santa Monica Boulevard
Corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Kings Road

LA JOLLA/HAVENHURST LOT

1043-1045 Havenhurst Drive
Santa Monica Boulevard and Havenhurst Drive

LA PEER LOT

623 La Peer Drive
Melrose Avenue and La Peer Drive

MELROSE LOT

8759 Melrose Avenue
San Vicente Boulevard and Melrose Avenue

ORANGE GROVE LOT

1114 N. Orange Grove
Santa Monica Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue

New Public Parking Lot on Sunset Boulevard and Doheny Drive Offers Low-Cost Hourly Parking

Enjoying the nightlife on Sunset Strip just got easier. The City has opened a short-term public parking lot located at 9056 Sunset Boulevard (corner of Sunset Boulevard and Doheny Drive) that will provide affordable off-street parking for nearby businesses and restaurants. The parking lot is open daily from 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. with rates of \$1 per hour from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and \$2 per hour from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The parking lot is equipped with a state-of-the-art “Pay Station” that accepts various forms of payment such as coins, dollars and credit cards. Arriving patrons can simply park their car, note their parking space number and pay the machine. In addition, the parking lot project has incorporated several “green” features including advanced filtration devices and extensive landscaping.



Andrew McCarthy



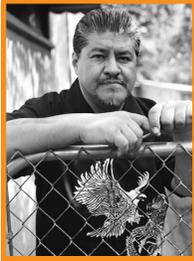
Gigi Levangie Grazer



Eric Erlandson



Sheryl Lee Ralph

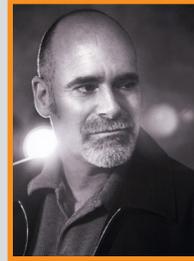


Luis Rodriguez

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include **Roberto Martin** (Ellen DeGeneres' personal chef and author of *Vegan Cooking for Carnivores*); **Ludovic Lefebvre** (*LudoBites: Recipes and Stories from the Pop-Up Restaurants of Ludo Lefebvre*); **Jack Witherspoon** (11-year-old chef and author of *Twist It Up: More than 60 Delicious Recipes from an Inspiring Young Chef*); and many more.



Bernard Cooper



Kyle Richards

Among the many other notable authors scheduled to appear at this year's West Hollywood Book Fair are **Andrew McCarthy** (actor and award-winning travel writer); **Kyle Richards** (author of *Life Is Not a Reality Show* and star of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"); **Gigi Levangie Grazer** (*New York Times* bestselling author of five novels including *The Starter Wife*, *Maneater* and *The After Wife*, as well as the screenplay for *Stepmom*); **Sheryl Lee Ralph** (veteran of film, television, and Broadway; founder of the Diva Foundation); **Eric Erlandson** (co-founder, songwriter and lead guitarist for the alternative rock band Hole and author of *Letters to Kurt* about his close friendship with Nirvana icon Kurt Cobain); **Gary Phillips** (bestselling author of *Monkology* and *The Underbelly*); **Reverend Ed Bacon** (author of *8 Habits of Love: Open Your Heart, Open Your Mind*, and longtime Rector of All Saints Church in Pasadena); **Marianne Williamson** (author of *The Age of Miracles* and out in November, *The Law of Divine Compensation*); **Charles Yu** (author of *Sorry Please Thank You* and *How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe*); **Eduardo Santiago** (author of the novel *Tomorrow They Will Kiss*); **Dustin Thomason** (multi-million selling author of *The Rule of Four* and *1221*); and **Luis J. Rodriguez** (bestselling author of *Always Running* and *It Calls You Back* on Los Angeles gang life).



Reverend Ed Bacon



Roberto Martin



Rocco DiSpirito



Charles Yu

The 11th Annual West Hollywood Book Fair is co-produced by the Authentic Agency.

Admission is free, and there will be free parking and shuttles for the event. For more information about the West Hollywood Book Fair, contact Olivia Walker, Recreation Services Manager, at (323) 848-6482 or visit www.westhollywoodbookfair.org Become a fan of the West Hollywood Book Fair on Facebook and follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/WHBookFair For the hearing impaired, please call (323) 848-6496.



Marianne Williamson



TRIBE WeHo Gay Men's Discussion Group Takes Place Monthly

The City has launched the TRIBE WeHo Gay Men's Discussion Group. The discussion group explores shared challenges and opportunities using face-to-face discussions. The discussion group is held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

All programs are moderated by a facilitator offering topics for discussion, and men are given a chance to offer insight and answers. Guest speakers do not lecture, but instead spark dialog.

All TRIBE discussion group meetings are free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Validated parking is available at the 5-story West Hollywood Park Parking Garage at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

For more information, please call (323) 848-6460 or visit www.weho.org/tribe

For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call at (323) 848-6496.

SHE Lesbians' Discussion Group Meets Every Month at West Hollywood Park

Join SHE, the City's Lesbians' Discussion Group. The SHE discussion group provides an open space for building relationships, promoting dialog, and creating solutions for issues currently facing Lesbians. The SHE-



Weho Lesbian's Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at West Holly-

wood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

SHE discusses all aspects of lesbian relationships, from meeting someone and moving in, to commitment and the impact of long-term cohabitation.

All SHE discussion groups are free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Validated parking is available at the 5-story West Hollywood Park Parking Garage at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

For more information, please call (323) 848-6460 or visit www.weho.org/she

For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call at (323) 848-6496.

Save the Date!

This Year's Halloween Costume Carnival Set for Wednesday, October 31, 2012



Festive party-goers strike a pose at last year's West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival on Santa Monica Boulevard. Don't miss this year's celebration on Wednesday, October 31st!

The 2012 West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival is set for Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31, 2012. One of the world's largest celebrations of All Hallows' Eve, the West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival will be held from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. along Santa Monica Boulevard from Doheny Drive to La Cienega Boulevard.

Public parking for the West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival will be available at parking lots throughout West Hollywood.

For more information about the West Hollywood Halloween Costume Carnival, call the City's Halloween Hotline at (323) 848-6503 or visit www.weho.org

Are you Registered to Vote?

Deadline to Register to Vote for the Presidential Election is Monday, October 22, 2012

Are you registered to vote in California? Do you need to re-register to vote? The deadline to register to vote for the November 6, 2012 Presidential Election is Monday, October 22, 2012. Voter registration forms are available at West Hollywood City Hall, and at every City of West Hollywood Advisory Board, Commission, and City Council meeting.

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen
- A resident of California
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- Not in prison or in county jail (serving a state prison sentence or serving a term of more than one year in jail for a defined "low-level" felony), on parole, post-release community supervision, or post-sentencing probation for a felony conviction. For more information on the rights of people who have been incarcerated, please see the Secretary of State's "Voting Guide for Currently or Formerly Incarcerated Californians."
- Not found by a court to be mentally incompetent
- People should re-register to vote when:
 - You move to a new permanent residence
 - You change your name
 - You change your political party choice

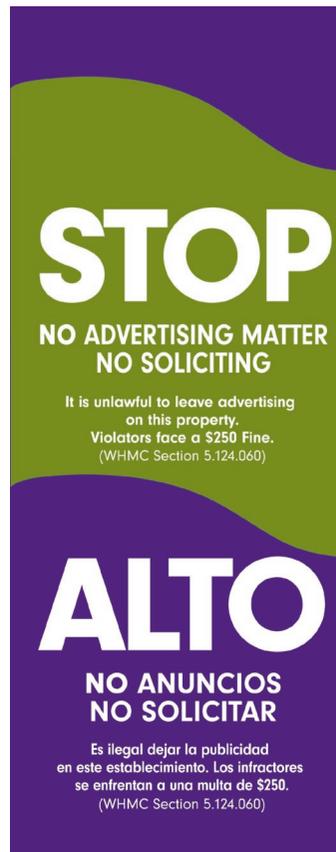
Voter registration forms should be mailed to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. For more information, regarding voter registration status lookup, polling location information, upcoming elections, applications to receive a vote-by-mail ballot and information about receiving sample ballots by email, call 1-800-815-2666 or visit www.lavote.net

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

— FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Tired of Unwanted Advertisements on Your Front Door?

City 'Stop Door Spam' Campaign Can Help



Are you tired of unwanted advertisements left on your front door? Unfortunately, unsolicited advertising materials left at residential doors, front porches or door knobs can be a nuisance and lead to neighborhood litter and sidewalk trash. In addition, the West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 5.124.060 prohibits distributing advertising materials on private property. To reduce the amount of annoying advertising left on residents' property, the City has created a "Stop Door Spam" campaign.

The Stop Door Spam campaign is a two-part program.

First, the Stop Door Spam campaign provides residents with bilingual English and Spanish placards to be placed on front doors to alert advertisers that litter is not welcome on the property. Second, residents can download "Dear Advertiser" letters from the City's website to send to the offending business expressing displeasure with the junk advertisements left on their property and request that they discontinue the practice. The letter also explains the benefits of a litter-free city and advises the advertiser to proactively participate in litter abatement efforts.

If the unwanted advertisements continue, the resident also has the choice to report repeat offenders to the City's Code Compliance staff at www.weho.org/stopdoorspam

Free HIV Testing at The Spot in West Hollywood

Knowing your HIV status is important. The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center offers free HIV testing and sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing and treatment Monday through Friday from noon to 7 p.m. (except the second Friday of the month when hours are noon to 3 p.m.) at The Spot, 745 N. San Vicente Boulevard in West Hollywood.

Health services offered at The Spot include:

- Rapid HIV Testing
- Ultra-Sensitive HIV NAAT Testing (nucleic acid amplification test), which can detect HIV as early as seven days after exposure
- STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Testing
- Gonorrhea (oral, rectal, urine)
- Chlamydia (rectal, urine)
- Syphilis (blood)
- STD Treatment
- Hepatitis A & B Vaccinations
- PEP (Post Exposure Prophylaxis) for those who think they may have been exposed to HIV, to reduce the chance of becoming HIV positive
- Referral to other services, including youth, legal, mental health and substance use

Validated parking is available in the West Hollywood Park 5-story Parking Garage, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard. For more information, please call (323) 957-5280 or visit www.freetesting.org

West Hollywood Wins 2012 City Livability Award

The City of West Hollywood received a 2012 Outstanding Achievement in City Livability Award by the United States Conference of Mayors for the new West Hollywood Library that opened in October 2011. West Hollywood is one of 10 cities to be given this honor recently by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. The City of West Hollywood received the award at the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 80th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

For more information, please call (323) 848-6846 or visit www.weho.org. For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call (323) 848-6496.

City's New Media Strategy Awarded 2012 CAPIO Award

The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) recently awarded the City of West Hollywood the 2012 Award of Merit for the City's New Media Strategy. CAPIO defines the New Media category as any form of social media including Facebook, Twitter, blogs or webcasts. Many cities have elements of new media that are used to communicate to the public. However, the City of West Hollywood integrates the use of the City's website, www.weho.org; social networking with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; video streaming supported by Granicus; online photo sharing through Flickr; and a virtual media kit as a complete communications strategy.

The Louis Cruz Beltran Latin Jazz Ensemble performed an extensive repertoire of music ranging from Brazilian style to Afro-Cuban rhythms at King Road Park as part of the annual Summer Sounds Concert Series. Louis Cruz Beltran pictured on the left, is a conguero (congo player), and members of his band work in many different international styles and with various instruments.





Enjoy the newly installed bicycle lane on San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. Cyclists are now able to utilize the continuous bicycle lane on San Vicente Boulevard from Beverly Boulevard to Santa Monica Boulevard.

City Offers Free Bike Racks for West Hollywood Businesses

In an effort to create a more bike-friendly community, the City is offering to install free bike racks on the public right-of-way and easily accessible private right of ways for businesses located in West Hollywood. Bicycle racks provide easily accessible and quality short-term parking options for customers and visitors.

For more information, or to request a bicycle rack to be installed near or on your business property, please call (323) 848-6328 or visit www.weho.org/bike to complete an application.

Zipcar Comes to West Hollywood

As an environmentally friendly transportation option, Zipcar is helping to reduce West Hollywood's carbon footprint. National studies have shown that each car shared takes 15 privately owned vehicles off the road, and that vehicle miles traveled per driver is reduced almost 50 percent when car owners switch to car sharing. The Zipcar program launched in West Hollywood earlier this year, with 10 vehicles in reserved on-street parking spots in five locations throughout West Hollywood.

Zipcar vehicles are located in pods of two at the following locations:

- Hancock Avenue north of Santa Monica Boulevard
- Fountain Avenue east of Vista Street
- Orlando Avenue south of Santa Monica Boulevard
- Poinsettia Place north of Santa Monica Boulevard
- Orange Grove Avenue north of Santa Monica Boulevard

The Zipcar program in West Hollywood is available to local residents and visitors, as well as to employees of local businesses through the company's "Zipcar for Business" program that offers discounted driving Monday through Friday.

Zipcar is the world's leading car-sharing network with approximately 650,000 members and



Zipcar now provides low-cost and stylish alternative transportation in the City of West Hollywood.

9,000 vehicles in urban areas and college campuses throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Zipcar offers more than 30 makes and models of self-service vehicles by the hour or day to residents and businesses looking for an alternative to the high costs and hassles of owning a car.

For more information, including how to become a Zipcar member in West Hollywood, please visit www.zipcar.com

Keep Your Sewer Slim: Tips for Fats, Oils and Grease to Prevent Sewer Backups and Overflows

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) can clog sewer lines causing sewage backups and overflows that can cause property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards. FOG is found in foods such as meats, sauces, salad dressings, foods cooked in deep-fat fryers, cookies, pastries, cheese, butter and more. All too often, fat, oil and grease are washed into the plumbing system, usually through kitchen sinks or floor drains found in food preparation areas. They stick to the inside of sewer pipes both on the property and farther along the sewer pipes. Over time, FOG builds up and eventually blocks the pipe, causing sewage backups and overflows.

To prevent sewer blockages and overflows, residents should follow these easy disposal tips

- Never pour grease, fats or oil down the sink or garbage disposal.
- Do not use hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain, because it will cool and harden in pipes or the sewer line.
- Pour fats, oil and grease into jars, cans and or other containers (be careful — liquid may be hot!). Let cool and dispose in trash.
- Mix cooking oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds, place in a lidded container for disposal in your trash.
- For greasy pans, pour off the grease into a container as instructed above and dry wipe the remaining grease prior to washing.

City Cracks Down on Landlords Who Illegally Use Ellis Act to Empty Property of Long-Term Residents

The City is cracking down on landlords who return their property to the rental market after having evicted tenants under the “Ellis Act.” The City recently obtained a judgment against a property owner, which ordered payment of \$10,000 in liquidated damages as well as the City’s attorney fees. The City is now pursuing an action to ensure that the former tenants are given an opportunity to return to their units at their previous rental rate.

Under the Ellis Act and as implemented in the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), landlords may terminate existing tenancies in order to leave the rental business. However, there are penalties for subsequently re-entering the rental business after having utilized the Ellis Act to empty a property of tenants.

The City’s Rent Stabilization and Housing Division has a long-standing program to track “Ellised” properties to determine whether they have been returned to the rental market. If you have been evicted under the “Ellis Act” and have concerns, please contact Anwar Zraikat, Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator, at (323) 848-6449.

Do You Know Someone That is Experiencing Same-Sex Domestic Abuse?

According to the American Bar Association, 11 percent of lesbians and 15 percent of gay men who lived with a male partner reported experiencing domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is a pattern of behavior in which a partner or former partner tries to control thoughts, beliefs or actions and may include physical, sexual and/or economic harm. If your partner is abusive or if you are abusive to your partner, the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center’s STOP Domestic Violence services can help you. The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center provides LGBT-domestic violence specialists, including certified domestic violence counselors and mental health professionals who have been trained in LGBT domestic violence issues.

Fees are based on a sliding scale and no one is turned away for lack of funds.

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center’s STOP Domestic Violence services include:

- Survivors’ groups
- Court-approved batterers’ intervention program
- Short-term and ongoing individual mental health services
- Partner abuse prevention groups and workshops
- Referral to LGBT sensitive shelters
- Prevention services for those at risk
- Referral to LGBT specific and LGBT sensitive services
- Advocacy with law enforcement and criminal justice personnel and agencies, service providers and others
- Specialized assessment
- LGBT domestic violence training, education and consolation
- Crisis counseling

For more information, please call the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center at (323) 860-5805 or visit www.laglc.org

Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Resources for West Hollywood Residents

According to the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, excessive alcohol consumption costs L.A. County 2,500 lives and \$10.8 billion each year. Drug overdose, including unintentional alcohol poisoning, is the fourth leading cause of premature death in Los Angeles County and the 17th leading cause of death overall. Fortunately, there are substance abuse and addiction resources for West Hollywood residents in need. Listed below are some of the local services available.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

CONTACT: For more information, please call 1(800) 923-8722 or visit www.laocoa.org

CRYSTAL METH ANONYMOUS

CONTACT: For more information, please call 1(877) 262-6691 or visit www.crystalmeth.org

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

CONTACT: For more information, please call (818) 773-9999 or visit www.na.org

WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER

Offers various 12-step meetings.

LOCATION: 626 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood CA. 90069

CONTACT: For more information, please call (310) 360-4833 or visit www.thewhrc.org

AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES

Provides therapy, groups and other resources for individuals with HIV dealing with substance use.

CONTACT: For more information, please call (323) 329-9908 or visit www.apla.org

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Provides services and support for youth ages 10 through 25 who are impacted by substance use.

LOCATION: 5000 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 540, Los Angeles, CA. 90027

CONTACT: For more information, please call (323) 361-2463 or visit www.childrenshospitalla.org

FRIENDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Provides free outpatient substance abuse treatment for the LGBT community who use methamphetamine.

LOCATION: 1419 N. La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. 90028

CONTACT: For more information, please call (323) 463-1601 or visit www.friendsresearch.org

L.A. GAY & LESBIAN CENTER

Provides low-cost counseling and addiction-recovery services.

LOCATION: 1625 N. Schrader Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA. 90028

CONTACT: For more information, please call (323) 993-7669 or visit www.laglc.org

MCINTYRE HOUSE

Provides a residential substance abuse recovery and sober living facility for men. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

CONTACT: For more information, please call (323) 662-0855 or visit www.mcintyrehouse.org

TWEAKERS PROJECT

Provides resources and referrals for addiction and recovery.

Visit www.tweakersproject.org

VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE

Provides day treatment, residential, sober living, aftercare drug and alcohol recovery services targeting LGBT men and women, as well as various 12-step meetings throughout the week.

CONTACT: For more information, please call (323) 463-4266 or visit www.vannessrecovery.org

For additional information about programs for West Hollywood residents, please call the City's Social Services Division at (323) 848-6510. For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call (323) 848-6496.

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Do You Need Help Resolving a Dispute? The Center for Civic Mediation Can Help



If you are in a dispute or can't reach a mutual agreement, the Center for Civic Mediation can provide free assistance to those who live, work or own property in West Hollywood. Mediation can lead to a quicker and mutually satisfactory resolution. With the help of a trained, neutral mediator, you can achieve a resolution to your dispute in a setting of mutual cooperation and respect.

What is mediation? Mediation is a highly effective, voluntary dispute resolution process that provides people with an opportunity to resolve conflicts without going to court.

Mediation allows you to tell your side of the story; spend less money than other alternatives; have a say in the outcome, rather than having it imposed by a judge;

maintain confidentiality; preserve your relationship with the other party; discuss issues and concerns that you would not be allowed to discuss in court.

The Center for Civic Mediation can help with the following types of disputes:

- Landlord/Tenant
- Homeowner Association
- Employment
- Consumer/Merchant
- Property Ownership
- Elder Care
- Small Business
- Neighbor/Neighbor
- Family or Domestic Relations
- Small Claims
- Complex Multi-Party

For more information, please call the Center for Civic Mediation at (323) 930-1841 or email inquiry@centerforcivicmediation.org