West Adams Targeted for Neighborhood Improvement Monies

by Laura Meyers

Look for new roofs, paint jobs, landscaping and other exterior improvements in the neighborhood. Starting in April, the city is slated to start pumping grant monies and other funds for public and private projects into the area.

West Adams has been selected for a new Targeted Neighborhood Initiative (TNI) project, a designation that will result in the city spending $1 million per year for each of the next three years within the TNI boundaries of Vermont Avenue on the east, Western Avenue on the west, the Santa Monica Freeway on the north and 29th Street on the south. The TNI includes all of the new West Adams-Normandie HPOZ area, most of the Community Redevelopment Agency’s Normandie 5 project area and parts of the former CRA Adams-Normandie 4321 project area. The first $250,000 is expected to be allocated next month.

“There’s a tremendous opportunity here, especially with the HPOZ in place, to improve the facades in this residential area,” noted David Roberts, a deputy in Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas’ 8th District office. Among other expenditures, Roberts expects that grants for up to $20,000 each for exterior improvements will be available, although applicants will probably need to show low or moderate income status.

The city has scheduled a community meeting to discuss the TNI on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Vermont Avenue Elementary School Auditorium, 1435 W. 27th Street.

“We’re looking for a community wish list,” said Roberts. “All of the projects will be bricks and mortar, to improve the area.”

It is important to attend this initial meeting if you want your own wish list of neighborhood improvements to be considered. Sample program can include street lighting programs, street beautification projects, park improvement programs, commercial facade programs and, of course, home improvement programs.

It’s expected, too, that community members’ concerns about the city’s criteria for overseeing the grants will be discussed, since there has recently been a controversy in an adjacent TNI project area. In that case, the city’s H...
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A WAHA Wish List

WAHA Needs You!

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held in April (see box below), but we have some pressing needs right now. There’s no time like the present to step up, serve, and contribute your expertise to this vital and growing organization.

Right now, we need:

* A Secretary! Attend the board meetings, take minutes, prepare a summary for the newsletter and occasionally write official WAHA correspondence. Contact President Linda Scribner, 323/735-1385.

* Hosts/Hostesses for our monthly WAHA General Meetings. Do you like to throw a party without spending all the money? This gig is for you. WAHA’s monthly events are sometimes “hosted” (that is, we provide the food) by the organization, and sometimes pot luck. They are open to all members and guests, usually free of charge, and attendance can vary. But hey, we bought these big old houses just to entertain, right?! If you can open the doors of your historic home to use, please contact Events Co-chairs Alma Carlisle, 323/737-2060, or Greg Stegall, 323/734-7725.

* Newsletter writers. Do you have something to say about preservation, food, gardens, local history, zoning? Write it up! Better yet, join the newsletter committee. We meet monthly, over dinner, to plan out the newsletter and other WAHA publications. We also gossip and giggle a lot. If your creative soul wants to reach out, contact Publications Director John Deaven, 323/737-7761, or Newsletter Editor Laura Meyers, 323/737-6146.

Candidates Needed for the WAHA Board

It’s that time of year again, and this is just another reminder that elections for the WAHA Board of Directors will be held in April. A number of positions will be available, including that of Volunteer Coordinator. If you have interest in this or any of WAHA’s Board positions please step forward and be counted. West Adams Heritage Association needs you!

WAHA has a fifteen-person Board of Directors, and to keep the organization viable, all positions must be filled. Officers of the Board are elected by the Board Members at their May retreat meeting after the election of the Board by the general membership. Any of the current members (listed on page 2 of this Newsletter) would be happy to talk to you about Board activities.

If you are interested, submit your candidate statement (a short paragraph, 100 words or so) to WAHA Board President, Linda Scribner by March 10, 2001, in time for the April Newsletter deadline. Candidate Statements will be published in the April Newsletter.

The members of the Board of Directors are the heart and soul of this organization, and without a full and competent board WAHA could cease to function. So if you believe WAHA serves a valuable function in the West Adams community or if you have ideas on how the organization should be run, please step up, serve and contribute your expertise!
**WAHA Membership Renewal Notices On Their Way**

Individualized invoices for WAHA Membership renewal, will be mailed out mid-March to members who need to renew their memberships for the 2001 - 2002 year. Memberships in WAHA go from April to April every year. New WAHA Membership Cards will be mailed out in mass at the end of April, when the current membership cards expire. Typically if you don’t renew the membership, you are taken off the Newsletter mailing list and the May or June Newsletter is the last one you receive.

New WAHA Memberships taken out late in 2000 were extended through the 2001 - 2002 membership year, so if you took out a new WAHA Membership in December you will not have to renew during this upcoming renewal drive. You won’t be getting an invoice, but you will be getting a new membership card in April.

If you have any questions about the status of your WAHA membership you can contact John Kurtz Membership Committee Chair 323/732-2990.

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Fourth Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

DATE: SATURDAY,
MARCH 17, 2001
6 TO 10:00 PM

The Board of Directors invite you to an event benefiting the Sunshine Mission/Casa de Rosas, LA’s oldest continually operating shelter for women at the home of Drs. Ann and Edward Dorr. Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with music and Irish supper and libations at the historic Durfee House, 1007 W. 24th Street, on March 17, 2001. (corner of Toberman and 24th Street, one block east of Hoover. Parking is available.) Back by popular demand is the group VoiceOver, the trio who dazzled guests last year.

Suggested donation $40.00 per person.

Please respond by using the form below and mail with your donation to:
Your donation helps provide housing and supportive services for homeless and at risk women in a safe and supportive environment.
No matter how large or small your garden, as long as you have a patch with full-day sun you can grow roses. And though we’re at the tail-end of the time period for bareroot plantings, you can plant container roses all Spring and Summer long.

But oh, how to choose? There are very nearly 2,500 varieties to select from in the U.S. marketplace. But not all of these varieties will flourish in your garden. Forget cold-loving Gallicas. Southern California has a nine-month growing season, which is a terrific plus, but it also has high heat and drought conditions.

In its March 2001 special issue on roses, House & Garden Magazine asked Clair G. Martin, the Huntington Botanical Gardens’ rosarian and author of 100 Old Roses for the American Garden (Workman Press), to evaluate the best ten roses for a Western garden. His favorites include those with Asian bloodlines, like Hybrid Teas, Chinas and Noisettes.

Garden, Paint Contests Slated

Every June, West Adams Heritage hosts a special gardens general meeting where we learn more about our own garden plots and take a look at our neighbors’ efforts to beautify their homes and gardens. This year is no different.

WAHA is looking for entries for the annual Garden and for the Painting Contests. The deadline is April 10. The May newsletter will publish all the nominees of outstanding gardens and/or new paint jobs for the year (perhaps with a map) so members can view each entry. We will announce an official weekend in May when WAHA will photograph the nominated gardens, and that will be the time for members to review the nominees, so Gardeners, Heads Up! Be sure your spring garden is in its best form in May.

Please feel free to nominate any paint job done in the 12 months, or any outstanding garden in your neighborhood. This is a good opportunity for people outside your immediate neighborhood to not only know about major improvements throughout the West Adams community but also give them a chance to see them.

All nominations, with address and homeowner’s name, should go to Ed Trosper (2515 4th Avenue, Historic West Adams, Los Angeles 90018; 323/734-2010 phone, 323/730-0432 fax, or e-mail: edtrosper@aol.com). Look for details about the June garden meeting and contest awards in the next issue of the newsletter.

In alphabetical order, Martin’s favorite roses are:
* Altissimo (1966) Large crimson flowers, single-blos­somed climbing rose
* Cardinal de Richelieu (1840) Purple-red flowers, once-blooming
* French Lace (1980) Ivory blooms, scented Floribunda
* Golden Celebration (1992) Golden English rose, strong Tea rose fragrance
* Lady Hillingdon (1910) Pale yellow Tea rose
* Mutabilis (date unknown) Each blossom changes from yellow to pink to deep red
* Sun Flare (1981) Bright yellow clustered flowers, very disease resistant
* Tamora (1983) English rose, fragrant apricot-colored flowers on a small bush
* Tradescant (1993) Velvety red flowers, blooms all year

Read all about roses in House & Garden’s March 2001 special issue, on newsstands now.

Garden Calendar

Things to do in March

Danger of frost continues, and it is another rainy month. Plants are beginning to bloom.

PLANT

* Spring-blooming perennials; dig and divide emerging summer- and fall-blooming ones
* Summer bulbs, including calla, canna, dahlia, gladiolus, and tuberose, in fast-draining, well-amended soil

CHORES AND MAINTENANCE

* If you haven’t already, prune your rose bushes; use organic fungicide to control mildew and black spot on roses
* In the vegetable garden, build arbors or other supports for vining vegetables (beans, cucumbers, peas)
* After it rains, set out bait for snails and slugs

-- Courtesy The Garden Calendar
Fulcrum Publishing
www.fulcrum-gardening.com
Through My Eyes Only

A USC Booster

By John B. Deaven

In May 2000, I joined the WAHA Board of Directors, along with newcomers SeElcy Caldwell, Anna Marie Brooks, and Clayton de Leon. This month let’s focus on Clayton. His spacious 1911 Arts & Crafts house, designed by architects Alfred and Arthur Heineman, is only six houses south of mine, on the west side of 4th Avenue. It is next door to Dave Raposa and Ed Trosper’s 1909 home, also a Heineman house. The original owner of Clay’s house was Dr. Harold Smith. This house was the “main course” house on the 1996 Holiday Tour, which featured Kathleen Salisbury’s memorably delicious cranberry glazed grilled chicken. I remember it well. More recently, the WAHA monthly social for September 2000 was at Clay’s, where we all saw a great slide show on West Adams mansions. That was a lovely, warm evening with pretty tables on his big outside deck and back lawn.

Clay was born in the city of Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii, where he grew up. After high school there, Clay joined the U.S. Air Force for four years, where he became a sergeant. The Air Force took him to Mississippi, Texas, Alaska, and California. He received a ROTC scholarship for engineering, which he used at the University of Southern California. After receiving his bachelor’s degree, he went back to Hawaii for four years, to be a graphic artist. However, he returned to the mainland to work on his master’s degree at USC, and it was during this time that he met Dave Raposa through associates from USC. Clay first wanted a Victorian house in North University Park. However, when he saw Dave and Ed’s interior, Clay was suddenly introduced to the world of Craftsman homes.

Clay made an offer to buy his current home on July 4, 1999, the same day he attended the annual WAHA 4th of July picnic, coincidentally next door at Dave and Ed’s. The offer was accepted, and Clay had his housewarming on September 26 of ’99. I remember that well. I’m sure my neighbors do, too. It was the only housewarming that I have ever attended where the USC Trojan Marching Band performed. It was a mighty blast!

Yes, indeed, Clay is “Mr. USC.” As an undergraduate he dreamed of joining the marching band, yet the only instrument he ever played was a guitar as a teenager. For three months he took lessons on the tenor saxophone. The USC audition involved a week at band camp, where he had to prove that he could memorize and play a piece while marching. Clay says it was both musically and physically challenging. He was accepted, and he was in the USC band for three years. The first year that he joined, USC went to the Rose Bowl! “Was that physically challenging?” I asked. Clay replied, “I got on the bus at 3 a.m., and back on the bus at 7 p.m., very painful and numb.”

Clay keeps a vast assortment of USC memorabilia in his home, including USC lamps, coasters, pillows, dishes, glasses, mugs, autographed footballs, and banners, among many items. Clay’s current job is at USC, naturally. He teaches microcomputers for a department within the School of Engineering.

When Clay joined the WAHA Board, he truly dove into many obligations that he volunteered for. After our May 2000 kick-off retreat at the Biltmore Hotel, he volunteered his home for the very next Board meeting, in June. He was also an active participant in the 2000 Holiday Tour, as a member of the singing quartet at the check-in location, the Congregational Church. Clay organized this quartet from participants in his own church, the Temple Baptist Church on 23rd Street — close to USC, of course! And Clay sings in that church’s choir. In short, Clay loves music.

During the short time that Clay has been in his huge house, he has had four nice filming opportunities. First, early in 2000, rhythm and blues singer “T.Q.,” filmed a music video there, standing in some scenes on Clay’s roof singing the song, “Daily.” Just a few weeks later, “The X Files” TV series filmed at Clay’s house, flooding all of 4th Avenue with huge bright lights. Third came a commercial for Fox-TV, promoting the NFL season in a spot that featured Minnesota Vikings receiver Randy Moss. Just this past January, J.C. Penney Department Stores filmed yet another commercial.

Many of us in WAHA are concerned that Clay is all by himself in that enormous, 4,000-square-foot residence. However, he really isn’t. Clay has three enormous, 4,000-square-foot residence. However, he really isn’t. Clay has three cats and — safely separate — two birds. And I’m really not all that surprised that one of the birds can whistle the USC Fight Song!
safety, and engineering officials.

At the same time, Michael Wooden, a senior staffer with Recreation and Parks who is responsible for running programs in more than a dozen parks and community centers, has been assigned to develop the eventual programming at the South Seas House. To that end, Wooden has prepared a survey, enclosed in this newsletter, to help generate ideas and indeed wider community interest in the South Seas House project. "Although we already know in general what kinds of things we can run there," explains Wooden, "we really want the community involved in the process."

Wooden also hopes to schedule a community meeting, perhaps as early as April (watch this space for the time and place).

Wooden is enthusiastic about the property’s restoration. He expects the South Seas House rehab to be completed by 2002, “in time to celebrate its centennial birthday with an event,” he says.

Unfortunately, the South Seas project has once again been somewhat orphaned in the Recreation and Parks Department Planning section, which is the subdivision responsible for overseeing the actual rehab. The assigned project manager retired recently, and the new project manager, Fred David, has had to start from scratch. He was slated to meet with McDonough in late February. Although he was provided some background materials by his predecessor (unopened at the time he was contacted by this newsletter), they did not appear to include the architectural/engineering survey prepared by the University of Southern California’s School of Architecture back in the mid-1990s, David said. Moreover, at the time of the interview, he was unaware of the historic nature of the property, or, indeed, the fact that it was located in Historic West Adams — though that will surely have changed once he’s met with the architect.

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**Make Your Voice Heard**

Attend a public workshop sponsored by the Community Conservancy International to view and comment on the draft plans for the proposed Baldwin Hills Park. This is your opportunity to have input on the design and vision for this world-class park plan.

There are two workshops, with identical agendas — just choose your most convenient date.

- **Wednesday, March 14** 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 17** 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: West L.A. College Fine Arts Theater (park in Lot 8)

For directions call Silissa at 310/475-0797 ext. 4 or e-mail: silissa@ccint.org

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Add (and welcome) new WAHA members

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Meeting all the new people who have or are about to join WAHA on the recent tea at the Farwells’ inspired me to get back in the groove and write a new column for all of you out there. I have received only one new resource and unfortunately did not write down the name of the person who sent this - please forgive me. I do remember that whoever sent was quite enthusiastic. Please add to Appliance Repair: Antique Stoves Restoration. Sunday Ortiz is located on Western Avenue. Best to call first.

I do have several suggestions of my own. We visited a new Lowe’s on Bellflower Blvd. We found them very helpful and knowledgeable. The lumber prices are quite comparable to Home Depot AND the quality is far superior! On the same trip, we went to POTTERY at 18881 S. Hoover in Gardena. This is an outlet for red clay pots. They have seconds, closeouts and also firsts. The pots go from 1' to 40" and are really well priced. They are located where the 110, 405 and 190th Street come together.

Now for a real find. Alfredo Johnson of Lucky Chimney recommended Mortarless Building Supply for tile. We visited this marvelous supply house. They specialize in Arts and Crafts, handpainted, discontinued and remakes of tile. They have a large supply of old tile as well as new. They can replicate or match colors. They are extremely knowledgeable and pleasant!!! As Alan said, they have tiles you just want to buy to own never mind install. On their card it mentions that they also have landscaping stone. They are open on Saturdays as well as during the week.

Speaking of Lucky Chimney, Alfredo redid ours for us and said that it was a good thing we had decided to do it as there was more damage than was first seen and that it was now safe to have fires. (Whew - just in time). I sent a copy of the invoice which has the guarantee on it to our Insurance company. Hopefully this will impact positively on our rate as did the furnace replacement. Don’t forget to let your Insurance company know about improvements.

Our daughter in San Diego recently had to replace her hot water heater. She had a tankless one with an electronic pilot put in. Apparently the energy savings are enormous. With natural gas rates increasing dramatically, we suggest looking into this when next you must do this. She bought hers at Home Depot but had to get a specialist to install it.

Are you in the market for a nice corporate, wedding, baby or other gift? Or do you want to buy something lovely for your own home? Buyer’s Services in Beverly Hills has no windows on the street and doesn’t advertise but they carry wonderful merchandise at excellent prices. They also do Wedding and Gift Registries with some interesting features. You must use a referral name so feel free to use mine. They are located at Robertson and Olympic (NW corner) and have a parking lot off the alley next to the gas station. 379 S. Robertson Blvd. Beverly Hills 90211 310/273-8526 Kathryn Ruth

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session in his South Los Angeles district. It had first been
briefly proposed by City Attorney James Hahn a few weeks
earlier, during a mayoral candidates forum conducted as part
of Ridley-Thomas annual 6th District Empowerment Con­
gress annual meeting. The idea clearly piqued Ridley-Tho­
mans' interest.

"We'll test people's resolve as to what their commit­
ment to funding neighborhood councils actually is," Ridley-
Thomas told City Hall staff and area residents at the Gov­
ernmental Efficiency Committee meeting.

This idea highlights the quandary in which officials
find themselves as the June 15 deadline for action on a neigh­
borhood council plan approaches. Although councils are
mandated under the charter adopted by voters in 1999, City
Hall leaders have yet to reach consensus on how much
money to allocate, whether to hire employees to train and
assist the new groups, and how to strike the delicate balance
between further empowering communities that already have
shown their capacity to organize and those now virtually
beneft of resources, organizing experience, and access to City
Hall.

The uncertainty over how to proceed was evident at
the mid-February meeting as committee chair Laura Chick
and members Mike Feuer and Ridley-Thomas criticized the
current Department of Neighborhood Empowerment plan
for doing too little to assure underrepresented residents get
their share of organizing resources. It is exactly those areas
that councils were meant to empower, and those areas that
should be the early focus of funding, organizing and assis­
tance from the city, department critics argue.

Chick said the department's plan did nothing to as­
sure that residents of those areas are being trained now, in
order to file for certification at the same time other areas file.

"I'm talking about communities that don't have a
clue what neighborhood councils are and are not going to be
coming forward during the first couple of years," Chick said.

Chick, who criticized the department for mailing out
26,000 copies of a half-inch-thick book containing the plan,
also expressed concern over the department's proposal to
spend only $75,000 on training. When the figure was men­
tioned by department General Manager Rosalind Stewart,
Chick sat silent for a few seconds before remarking to Feuer
and Ridley-Thomas: "I think we've got some hard work,
colleagues. Some hard work."

But the three committee members also cautioned that
more experienced groups already in the final phase of orga­

The West Adams area TNI will
which officials
sibly improvements. In other TNI projects
trouble of Los Angeles, the city has made rehab loans to
owners of both single-family and multi-family residences,
in addition to the grants program. The city also has improved
public "facilities" like sidewalks and curbs. It has also funded
commercial district projects. Locally, the expenditures in­
cluded contributions toward the construction of the new
Department of Public Social Services building on Vermont
between 38th Street and 38th Place in the Expo Park
West TNI, south of this new TNI project.

This second phase of the city's Targeted Neighbor­
hood Initiative program adds fourteen new communities to
the initial twelve in the $36 million pilot program that began
four years ago. Each of the neighborhoods was selected, in
part, based on their eligibility to receive Community Devel­
opment Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Along with the West
Adams TNI, another Historic West Adams District neighbor­
hood is on the new TNI list: the Byzantine Latino Quar­
ter, bounded by Alvarado Street on the east, 12th Street on
the north, 15th Street on the south and Hobart on the west.
This TNI includes a part of Harvard Heights as well as the
landmark St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

There are also several new TNI areas adjacent to
Historic West Adams. They are: Leimert Park (Crenshaw
Boulevard on the west, Martin Luther King on the north,
Leimert Boulevard on the east and 48th Street on the south); Mid<br />Cities/Adams (La Brea on the east, Santa Monica Free­<br />way on the north, Hauser Boulevard on the west and Westhaven on the west); and Pico (West Boulevard on the east, Pico and San Vicente on the north, Venice Boulevard on the south and Sierra Bonita Avenue on the west).
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Feuer noted that his own staff provided a great deal of time organizing and assisting the South Robertson Neighborhood Council before it was capable of taking its own initiative, as did Ridley-Thomas with the Empowerment Congress.

Empowerment Congress leader Romerol Malveaux told the committee that Ridley-Thomas' role was crucial in establishing the organization.

"It was extremely beneficial to have that council office there to help with resources," Malveaux said. Malveaux has also been helping to organize a Neighborhood Council that includes her own Cherrywood-Exposition Boulevard neighborhood, Jefferson Park and a large part of Historic West Adams, including "The Avenues," Western Heights, Arlington Heights and Harvard Heights.

Frank Dixon, a representative of the highly successful neighborhood councils movement in Portland, Ore., told members that city resources and a mission statement underlying city workers' commitment to councils were key to that city's success. USC Professor Terry Cooper also emphasized the importance of targeted training and resources.

But the city charter's mandate for neighborhood councils envisions a network of organizations independent of City Council members.

If City Council offices are not going to provide staffing, Feuer said, a neighborhood council's success will be subject to the whim of a City Council member, who will decide whether or not to spend discretionary money on the group.

"I think that philosophical approach is wrong..." Feuer said, "It will be setting up our successors to fail."

Chick, who agreed that more staffing is required, called on Stewart's department to prepare a request for bids for contractors to aid neighborhood councils.

The committee also agreed to mandate that neighborhood councils meet at citywide conference to compare notes and develop agendas. The current plan mirrors the city charter in recommending, but not requiring, such meetings.

The committee was slated to meet again on February 26 at Grant High School in the San Fernando Valley.

Story courtesy of the Metropolitan News-Enterprise, a daily newspaper covering the courts, the legal community and state and local government. For subscription information call 213/346-0033.

This story also appeared in City Watch, which closely follows the progress of Charter reform initiatives and, especially, Neighborhood Councils. To subscribe, call 213/895-4646 or visit its website, www.citywatchla.com

Preservation in Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Conservancy

Learn about the current state of affairs on the local historic preservation front from Ken Bernstein, director of preservation issues for the Los Angeles Conservancy, at WAHA's March General Meeting

Sunday, March 18
4 p.m.
at the home of
Jim Dugan and Catheryne Barrier
1651 S. Oxford
in Harvard Heights
(between Venice and Washington)

It's a Green-Letter Day!
Potluck theme: St. Paddy's Day

For more information, contact Greg Stegall or Alma Carlisle

Spring Tour of Pasadena's Historic Homes

Pasadena Heritage, one of California's oldest nonprofit historic preservation organizations, will host its annual Spring Home Tour on Sunday, March 25. Featuring five exceptional homes from the first decades of the 20th century when Pasadena was the wealthiest community of its size in the country, this drive-yourself tour will highlight the magnificent revival styles as interpreted by Southern California's finest architects.

Ticket prices are $30 for the general public and $25 for Pasadena Heritage members. For tickets and information call Pasadena Heritage at 626-441-6333 or visit www.pasadenaheritage.org
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WEST ADAMS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

We had an unanticipated burst of attendance at the February meeting. About 45 came, many of whom are looking to buy in our community. It was also the end of our membership drive so several were there to get in on our last membership drawing for the year.

Besides standing reports a good deal of time was devoted to exploring ideas for activities for Earth Day. New member Tres Tanner will helm the effort with unbridled enthusiasm.

We also decided our outing to Descanso Gardens would be open to our entire neighborhood as our first effort of the newly formed Family Fun, Family Support committee. We’re not sure how this committee will function but we’re determined to provide more opportunities for our neighborhood families and their children.

Members also agreed to support an effort to again request a Neighborhood Matching Grant. This year we will focus on refurbishing our paseo which runs from 22nd to 24th street.

Our two month effort to stir interest in our neighbors west of Normandie interested in forming a block club has not been successful. One person attended who primarily spoke Spanish so she was directed to our Lead Officer who has information on the LAPD program for forming a block club for the Spanish speaking.

We adjourned to Susie Henderson’s annual salute to Valentine’s Day in the form of fabulous, heart shaped goodies.

Do You Have Kids?

West Adams families are gathering together for a fun picnic on Sunday, April 1, to play, eat, meet each other and to start sharing resources.

Where: MacGowan Mansion
(Janice Stevenor Dale’s home)
3726 West Adams Boulevard

When: Sunday, April 1
1 - 4 p.m.

Potluck

Contact: Chris Carlson, 323/735-2130, or
Karen White, 323/373-0477

Brakensiek Leavitt Pledger, LLP
5670 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Mark Your Calendars

WAHA is planning a Historic Church Tour, tentatively scheduled for May 19th.

We’ll keep you posted with details
LITTLE TREASURES OF
THE SIERRA MADRE!

The hammers exploded, Bam, Bam, Bam. The drills screeched their reluctance. And the electric saws, capable of separating fingers from hands, created a god-awful racket, preventing me from hearing my daughter Carina, who was talking through a mouthful of 4" deck screws. Yes, we, she and I, were building a large redwood gazebo in her garden. In just two days we converted a pile of lumber into a shade structure filled with hanging pots of epiphylia and hand-made, by Carina, Adirondack chairs and benches. She is better than the son I never had - a photographer, carpenter and all-round fabulous cook too. We had a lot of fun that weekend.

As a thank you, she and her husband, Joe, treated us to an incredible Dim-Sum lunch in a huge Chinese area of N.E. San Diego, previously unknown to me. It was a major flaw in my knowledge!! Dim-Sum translates to "Little Treasures" and as many of you know, they really are worth their weight in gold. With bottles of Tsingtao beer in hand, we were finally seated in this extremely busy restaurant. Joe, ever the gourmet/gourmand, did the ordering from the carts streaming by our table. "Dimme some of dese" "Dimme some of doze" "Dimme some of dat" In a matter of half-minutes, the table was overflowing with Treasures - roast duck, pork and shrimp dumplings, aromatic beef balls, shrimp toast, pork wrapped in lettuce leaves and more Tsingtao. We ate steadily for an hour, enjoying both the familiar and very new tastes. As Judie was about to compliment me on my similarity to the Smiling Bhudda, we left. To make Dim-Sum is a complicated procedure requiring most of a Saturday. Two winners that I made recently, include:

Lamb Meatballs in Sweet and Sour Sauce

Combine the ingredients and form into walnut-sized balls.

Heat 3 Tbs oil and cook the lamb balls, shaking the skillet.

Add the sweet and sour sauce and serve.

Sweet and Sour Sauce

Bring water to boil. Add sugar & cook another minute to dissolve.

Add vinegar, cook 1 minute more.

Blend cornstarch, soy, and rest of water into a paste. Then stir into sauce to thicken. Pour sauce over meat and serve. Serves 8

Eggplant salad

Cut eggplant in half lengthwise. Place cut side down in shallow heatproof dish and steam on a rack until done. About 30 minutes. Let cool slightly. Remove stem end and peel. Tear lengthwise in strips and cut in half.

Cut garlic clove in half. Rub inside of a bowl or decorative mold with cut surface of garlic, then place garlic at bottom of bowl. Combine all ingredients and pack the eggplant mixture into the bowl and refrigerate overnight.

Arrange lettuce leaves on a serving platter. Invert bowl onto lettuce. Remove garlic and serve.

Bon appetit!!!.
Member Discounts
Reminder: The following companies and organizations offer discounts to WAHA members. Show your WAHA membership card when you make your purchase.

Best Lock and Safe Service  contact: David Kim
2203 W. Venice Blvd. Los Angeles 323/733-7716
10% discount on lock and safe labor and materials

Washington Dog & Cat Hospital
1692 W. Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90007 323/735-0291
50% off office exams

Meyers Roofing
5048 W. Jefferson Blvd. 323/733-0188
10% discount

The 24th Street Theater
1117 24th Street Los Angeles, CA 90007 213/667-0417
$2.00 off ticket price

Cafe Club Pais Do Do
5257 West Adams Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90016
323/954-8080
No cover charge at door

Lucky Chimney Sweep
4000 College Crest Drive Los Angeles, CA 90065
888/621ucky -- 888/625-8259
Susan and Alfredo Johnson

Sherwin-Williams
1357 Venice Blvd. L.A. 90006 213/365-2471
20% discount off regular product price (you must have a special discount card)

Washington Tire & Wheel
1951 W. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles 323/331-0781
Dealer’s pricing on all tires and full line of custom wheels (See Bill Fuqua, Jr. for this discount)

Papa Cristo’s Taverna
2771 West Pico Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90006 323/737-2970
10% discount on catered food orders

Vintage Plumbing Bathroom Antiques
9939 Canoga Avenue Chatsworth, CA 818/772-1721 (hours: by appointment only)
10% discount on purchases at Chatsworth facility

Boulevard Vacuum & Sewing Machine Company, 5086 W. Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90019, (323) 938-2661
10% discount on sale of new vacuums, and vacuum service & repair

Wholesale Carpet Liquidators, 1225 E. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90021, (213) 747-7474, mailto:Wholesalecarpetla@Yahoo.com Contact = Linda Or Parisa
Discount of between 5-10%, on the purchase of 150 square yards or more of carpet, ceramic tile, wood flooring, and/or vinyl floor covering.

A Call to Members
If you frequent a local business -- retail store, restaurant, service provider, etc. -- ask them if they would like to offer a discount to WAHA members. Explain that they would benefit from the increased exposure to many local consumers, and would be listed monthly in the WAHA newsletter. Or, call me at 323/733-6869 and I would be happy to contact them.  -- Steve Wallis
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PRUNING, TRANSPLANTING, REVITALIZING - roses, fruit trees, grapevines, & other plants that need special care. European gentleman with a lifetime of garden & orchard experience. Very reasonable fees. Recommended by Jim Barth (323/731-5222). Call George at 323/731-5222 or 310/838-3587.

MAY WE PLEASE PICK HYDRANGEAS from your West Adams garden for Sarah's wedding on June 23? We particularly want blue or lavender ones and would be happy to put the solution on any volunteered plants that turn these colors. That should happen within the next 5-6 weeks. If you're willing to "lend" us your blossoms, please call me at 323/731-3900 — Susie Henderson

FOR SALE: Never used, recently purchased, tan color, 1.5 gallon toilet. Still in original boxes. Call Lionel at 323/735-5056.


OPEN YOUR DOORS TO THE WORLD! Students attending a private English Language school on Wilshire near Mariposa are in need of room & board. These students are from Asia, Europe, & South America, mostly in their early to mid-twenties, & typically stay from two to six months. They pay $750 per month for room, light breakfast, & supper. If you have an extra room in your house & would be interested in boarding one of these students, please contact Peter Lownds at 213/386-1634.

FOR SALE: Aluminum awnings for large window or set of windows: 12' 3" wide, 3' high, 3' deep. Standard classic style for most any house. Looks great when painted (all need paint). 4 each. $20/each. 323/733-6869.

FOR SALE: Ten metal stream-lined patio chairs. Reasonably priced - $10 each. Call Lionel Labeaud at 323-735-5056.

FOR SALE: 1950's Mint Green Chambers Stove, Chrome top, good condition. "Retained Heat" cooking in the deep well and in the cast iron oven. Large griddle/broiler combination makes it easy to broil on top of the range. Storage compartment. Call John for info 323/737-7761.

FOR HIRE: Will stencil home interior or give instruction in stenciling. Call Mary at 323/731-9204.

FOR SALE - 500 antique doors, windows, & house fragments. Call Roland at 310/392-1056.

WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO OWN MUGSY? He's a big (BIG — 77 pounds), affectionate baby boy white bulldog/pit/mutt mix. Yes, yes, we've been trying to get him a home for a long time....Mugsy is now about 2 1/2 years old, neutered, has had shots. He really needs a great guy to hang with. Please call Laura 323/737-6146.

EXPERIENCED HOUSEKEEPER looking for work. Recommended by Lynda Reiss. Call Myra at 323/585-4345.

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