WLV DISCOVERS: The Great Outdoors!

Westlake Village is going to get a bit WILD this February! The City of Westlake Village and Westlake Village Library present Westlake Village Discovers 2023. This year’s event theme is “The Great Outdoors!”

This free program aims to encourage continued learning and reading through interactive and educational programs. This year all programs are centered around the theme of getting outside and learning about the place we call home. There will be live animals, a lesson on bee keeping, and tips about wildlife safety.

Programs will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 11am-3pm. View program details on our website at www.wlv.org/wlvdiscovers. For more information contact City Hall at (818) 706-1613.

Reorganization of City Council

The City Council underwent its annual reorganization on December 7, 2022. The City thanked out-going Mayor Brad Halpern for his service in 2022 and welcomed new Mayor Ray Pearl for the year 2023. Councilmember Ned Davis was selected as Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem serve in their positions for one year.

From Left: Mayor Pro Tem Ned E. Davis, Councilmember Susan McSweeney, Mayor Ray Pearl, Councilmember Kelly Honig, Councilmember Brad Halpern,
Reckless Driving Reporting Program

Public safety is a top priority for the City of Westlake Village and we are pleased to introduce a pilot program intended to make our city streets safer for drivers and pedestrians. The Reckless Driving Reporting Program (RDRP) is a new way for residents to alert law enforcement to reckless driving.

Any member of the community can visit the City’s website where they will find a page dedicated to the RDRP to use to report concerns about reckless drivers. Reports will then be routed directly to the City’s Community Impact Team Deputy for follow-up. The Community Impact Team Deputy will research the information provided, attempt to learn more about the owner of the vehicle being reported, and will then send the owner a joint letter from the Sheriff’s Department and the City, informing them of the observed behavior, what the community expects in safe driving behaviors, and potential penalties a driver may see for such reckless driving in the future. The observations provided through the City’s website will not directly result in a citation being issued as the violation must be observed by a Deputy for citation.

Please note that if you are witnessing an emergency, always dial 911. This program is not intended to replace day-to-day operations by the Sheriff or Fire Departments and anyone in need of emergency assistance should call 911. Additionally, when using the RDRP or otherwise, never engage in behavior that puts you or others around you in danger, or situations that may become dangerous. To learn more about the RDRP and other law-enforcement related programs, please visit: www.WLV.org/Sheriff.

Applications for the 2023 Community Service Grant Program are still available on the City’s website at WLV.org/Grants. Our City recognizes the value of local organizations that provide specialized social services and cultural programming to our citizens. Every group will be considered, but not all groups may receive funding. Grants will be awarded in amounts of not less than $250.

All applications are due online by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023.

Please visit WLV.org/Grants for full details on eligibility criteria. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 818-706-1613.
Did you know the City of Westlake Village has our own Disaster Response Team (DRT) comprised of local volunteers, ready to serve at a moment’s notice for emergencies or planned events? With origins dating back to the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the Westlake Village DRT has stepped up to provide vital services to supplement those of our first responders, from helping disseminate information during emergencies, conducting window surveys after wildfires, assisting with evacuations, traffic control at large events, staffing first aid stations at special events, and so much more.

If learning about emergency preparedness or being a part of your community’s ability to be resilient in the face of an emergency interests you, we would love to meet you and introduce you to the City’s DRT. You don’t need to have experience or a background in public safety to join and no formal commitments are required. We will train and provide you with the knowledge and skills you need when you’re called upon to assist. The DRT meets four times a year and the first meeting of 2023 will take place on January 18th at 6pm in the Westlake Village Civic Center Community Rooms. Each of the meetings will cover different preparedness and public safety topics such as HAM radio operation, wildfire preparedness, law enforcement tips, and more.

You don’t have to attend all meetings to be a part of this great volunteer group; the more trained members we have in our community, the better we all are! In addition to these informative meetings, there are several opportunities throughout the year to volunteer in a public safety capacity at City events and help out your entire community.

Visit www.WLV.org/DRT to learn more!

Volunteers Needed!

The City of Westlake Village needs volunteers! Do you love Westlake Village and are looking for ways to get involved? Are you a student looking to fulfill Service Learning hours? If you answered ‘yes’ to either of those questions, we invite you to sign up to be a volunteer for the City of Westlake Village and participate in our year-round special events. We also need volunteers for City committees, task forces, volunteer programs like the Disaster Response Team or the Volunteers in Policing Programs, special projects, and more. Go to www.WLV.org/Volunteer to sign up. Questions? Call City Hall at 818-706-1613.

Public Safety Advisory Board

Help Bring Awareness to Public Safety!

Are you interested in making Westlake Village a safer place to live and play? The City of Westlake Village’s Public Safety Advisory Board is looking for 4 members to volunteer for the community!

The Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) assists the City in raising the overall level of awareness and importance of both public safety and emergency preparedness in the community. The PSAB consists of nine members - two (2) City Councilmembers and seven (7) City of Westlake Village residents. The term of office is 4 years and applicants MUST be residents of Westlake Village.

To learn more about how you can join the PSAB, please visit WLV.org/Boards. Applications must be completed by 5:00 pm on January 20, 2023.
Zero Emissions Landscaping Equipment

As we move towards the New Year, the City of Westlake Village would like to remind the community about the transition to zero emission landscaping equipment. Starting January 1st, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will be prohibited in Westlake Village. All landscape management companies, gardeners, residents, and HOAs must start using electric leaf blowers at the start of the new year.

Transitioning away from gas-powered landscaping equipment will further the goal of making Westlake Village a cleaner and more sustainable community. A gas-powered leaf blower can emit the same amount of hydrocarbons as 299 trucks, while electric leaf blowers do not produce exhaust during use. Not only are these electric blowers better for the environment, but they are notably quieter and have lower operating costs.

We hope you are able to relay this information to your landscape management companies and any other landscapers you think may find this information useful. On January 4th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm, the City of Westlake Village and the American Green Zone Alliance will be hosting an open house at City Hall, 31200 Oak Crest Dr., to inform landscaping companies of State programs that can reduce the cost of new zero emission equipment by 70%. During the open house, we will have bilingual consultants on hand and information on where to purchase equipment in our area.

We hope you are able to relay this information to your landscape management companies and any other landscapers you think may find this information useful. For more information please visit www.WLV.org/zero or contact City Hall at (818) 706-1613.

CITY COUNCIL
Mayor Ray Pearl
Mayor Pro Tem Ned E. Davis
Councilmember Kelly Honig
Councilmember Susan McSweeney
Councilmember Brad Halpern

Upcoming City Council Meetings
January 11 and 25, 2023
City Council meetings can be seen live on WVTN Channel 10 and via web streaming on www.WLV.org.

Nominations for 2023 Citizen and Youth of the Year

The City is now seeking nominees for the Citizen and Youth of the Year Awards.

Do you know of a special neighbor who has enhanced the quality of life in the City? Can you think of a high school-aged resident that is making a difference at his or her school or in our community? The Citizen and Youth of the Year winners are awarded to City of Westlake Village residents who are recognized for making significant contributions to the City and for displaying a strong sense of volunteerism, civic pride, and commitment toward the betterment of the community.

Nomination forms are available on our website at www.wlv.org/youthcitizenoftheyear.
The nomination period ends on February 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The Youth and Citizen of the Year will be honored by the City Council with the youth winner receiving a $500 scholarship and the citizen receiving a $500 donation to the charity of his or her choice. Nominees need to be residents of the City of Westlake Village. Please visit the City’s website for more information and to see full qualification guidelines.