



## A Message from Councilmember Tim McOsker

Hello, neighbors! I'm thrilled to share a few updates of ongoing efforts in the One-Five. From our work in the district to legislation passed at City Hall, my focus remains on uplifting the One-Five.

Launched in mid-July 2023 with \$1 million funded from the City's fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget, Council District 15's 'Clean 15' program has been collecting trash, debris and illegal dumping throughout the five communities that make up the One-Five. The program is staffed by two Council District 15 team members and supported by local organizations.

Since July 2023, the Clean 15 has removed over 25,421 tons of trash from our public spaces. In San Pedro alone, the team has picked up over 2,690 tons and we're looking forward to continuing this work!

Last year, we worked to improve the Port's Public Access Investment Plan, ensuring at least 10% of the Port's annual operating income goes towards LA Waterfront projects. This new community-driven approach will enhance access to the water for everyone. Your input on funded projects is crucial, and comments are being accepted until June 1.

This past month, the Council passed my motion proposing an amortization study for the Rancho LPG Facility, a butane and propane storage site surrounded by residential and commercial areas. While the city banned new oil drilling and mandated phase-out for existing sites through amortization studies in 2022, this didn't extend to Rancho LPG's operations. We're in the process of identifying funding for the amortization study and will keep you posted on updates.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at [councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org) or (310) 732-4515.



## Vincent Thomas Bridge Will Require Lengthy Closure for Major Repair Work

By Ray Regalado, President, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

For those of you who don't know, the Vincent Thomas Bridge will be closed for construction very soon. Caltrans will be resurfacing the bridge in the very near future to extend the integrity of the structure's life.

The state refers to the job as "re-decking" and entails removing the driving surface of the bridge, repairing the internal infrastructure below the surface, and replacing the surface with prefabricated overlay modules.

Completing the project can take anywhere from a year to three or four years. The time the project will take will be dependent on the extent of the bridge closure.

Caltrans is giving the community the opportunity to choose whether to fully close the bridge or keep travel lanes open during the life of the project. Here is where the community comes in.

Between April 16 and July 15, 2024, Caltrans will be taking public comment on the project where the members of the community can ask questions regarding the work.

Details of the project can be found at [virtualeventroom.com/caltrans/vtb](https://virtualeventroom.com/caltrans/vtb). Find the Environmental Impact Report draft and click. The report will provide project descriptions, including traffic

detours, bridge closure options, and environmental impacts to our neighborhoods.

Caltrans will be holding two community meetings where details of the project will be communicated and staff will be available to document comments from the

community including questions that will be answered within the final report document.

The dates and locations of the public meetings are:

**Wilmington**  
Wilmington Recreation Center  
325 North Neptune Avenue  
Wilmington, CA 90744  
Thursday, May 30, 2024  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**San Pedro**  
Peck Park Recreation Center  
560 North Western Avenue  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
Thursday, June 13, 2024  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please attend one of the meetings to allow your voice to be heard on this very important project that will have an impact on us all.



The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council meetings are in-person and everyone is welcome to attend and voice their opinion on any of the matters on our agenda or any topics they have.

The monthly Board Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and are held at Peck Park Auditorium, located at 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro 90732.

The NWSPNC encourages stakeholders to participate in our meetings so they can be kept up on what is happening in our community. This is a great way to meet the people who care about your community and let them know some of your concerns.

Please refer to the website for other community meetings agendas, dates, and times. <https://www.nwsanpedro.org/>

We look forward to seeing everyone again and thank you for your support.

The NWSPNC Board

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The NWSPNC Governing Board and stakeholder meeting is on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro 90732.

## NWSPNC BOARD MEMBERS

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## NWSPNC Committees

### BUDGET AND FINANCE

*Recommends budget, reviews funding requests*

### BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS

*Elections and bylaws matters*

### COMMUNITY ISSUES

*Traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees*

### PLANNING AND LAND USE

*Planning and land use issues*

### PORT, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

*Port-related and environmental issues*

### PUBLIC SAFETY

*Community safety, emergency preparedness, and evacuation planning*

### YOUTH AND OUTREACH

*Youth, education, and community engagement*

If you are interested in being a member of any of these committees, please e-mail your contact information to board@nwsanpedro.org.

Receive up-to-date information in Northwest San Pedro through our weekly Email blasts. Sign up at nwsanpedro.org. And let us know what issues are of interest to you by emailing Board@nwsanpedro.org.

## What's Happening on Western Avenue

The former Broiler is becoming a Wendy's.

The Western Plaza strip mall where O'Reilly Auto Parts is located, is being remodeled with façade upgrades, new awnings, roof repair, new lighting, new signage, updated landscaping, and repaving of the parking lot.

The professional office building located toward the center of the parcel will be demolished and an outdoor seating area created. The O'Reilly Auto Parts will stay. New tenants will include Mattress Firm, California Fish Grill, and Habit Burger.

RPV has adopted a multi-use overlay for all of the commercial property on their portion of Western

which would allow for the development of 2-3 story housing with a percent of the housing being set aside for lower income households. The proposed change would make it easier to build housing, including low-income housing, but it is not a proposal for any specific development.

The City of Los Angeles Planning Department is proposing a zoning over-lay on its side to allow housing up to seven or eight stories under certain circumstances. This proposal will be going through the city's processes over the next few months as part of the approval of the Housing Element of the General Plan.

## Addressing Homelessness

People experiencing homelessness are at a crisis level in Los Angeles. Action to help those in need plus action to find short-term and long-term solutions addressing the root causes of the epidemic are happening at a rapid rate, as they should.

Homelessness doesn't happen overnight, and solutions will not happen overnight. It is very complex and overwhelming to contemplate, but ignoring it is not an option. A first step is understanding these root causes so together we can continue to help our communities find viable solutions to services and housing. There are opportunities for our community to get involved through volunteering and education.

NWSPNC provides monthly updates to programs and resources on this topic. These Homelessness Liaison reports are posted on their website: Homelessness Liaison Reports

This website also includes a section labeled: Homelessness Resources, Data and Volunteer Opportunities. Link: NWSPNC Homelessness Resources

### How to Report Someone in Need

LA-HOP.org is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County with outreach services. Report someone through this portal, LAHSA will use this information to dispatch a homeless services outreach team to the area.

Be prepared to report as much detail as possible such as the location where a person is located, the times usually at that location and a description of the person. You can enter with your name or report anonymously. LA-HOP.ORG portal

If you or someone you know needs assistance, go to LAHSA Get Help

For medical or mental health emergencies, call 9-1-1.



## Peck Park Canyon

We have a wonderful gem in our back yard. Walk through Peck Park Canyon and you won't realize that you are still in the city!

The Friends of Peck Park Canyon leads two walks each month. On the third Wednesday, they lead a walk just for exercise. On the fourth Saturday, they lead a nature walk which is a family friendly opportunity to learn about the flora, fauna, and geology of the canyon.

Both walks start at 9:00 a.m. from the trailhead in the lower Peck Park parking lot, just below the community center.

The Friends group has also planted and maintains a native plant garden that is accessed from the trailhead at Elberon and Walker.

Volunteers are always needed to help with this project. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/friends.of.peck.park.canyon>.

## GOVERNMENT AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

*If you're in search of help, the following information may be of use.*

LAPD non-emergency: 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273)

CalTrans Maintenance Request: [caltrans.ca.gov/onlineservices.html](http://caltrans.ca.gov/onlineservices.html)

Abandoned vehicles: 800-222-6366

Animal Regulations: 888-452-7381

Anti Drug Hotline (Anonymous): 800-662-2878

Bureau of Street Services: 800-996-2489

City services: call 311 or get MyLA311 app (info at [www.myla311.lacity.org](http://www.myla311.lacity.org))

Landlord/Tenant Disputes: 213-974-6600

LAPD Harbor Division front desk: 310-726-7700

LAPD Harbor Division Community Relations: 310-726-7920

LAPD Jail Division: 213-356-3400

Department of Water & Power: 800-342-5397

Graffiti removal: MyLA311 (<https://lacity.gov/myla311>)

Jail information (Los Angeles County): 213-473-6100

Los Angeles County Information: 2-1-1

Neighborhood Prosecutor: 213-978-7878

Transportation (parking violations): 866-561-9742

Transportation (abandoned vehicles): 1-800-222-6366

Dispute Resolution Program (free mediation of non-criminal

civil disputes—legal advice is not provided): 213-978-1880

Bulky item pick up: MyLA311 (<https://lacity.gov/myla311>)

15th District Council Office: 310-732-4515

Illegal dumped trash: 800-974-9794

Mental Health Triage: 213-798-6318

Quality of Life Car: 310-726-6920

Parking Enforcement: 213-485-4184



One Call to City Hall **311**

# Congressional Award Program for Young People

Are you a young person looking to make a meaningful impact in your community while also pursuing personal growth and recognition? If so, the Congressional Award ([www.congressionalaward.org](http://www.congressionalaward.org)) is calling your name!

This prestigious award was established by the United States Congress in 1979 for young Americans and offers a unique opportunity to set and achieve personal goals in community service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

This program is open to all youth in the U.S. between the ages of 14 and 24 regardless of ability, circumstance, or socioeconomic status.

- **Personal Development and Leadership Skills:** The Congressional Award encourages you to explore new interests and develop valuable skills. Whether it's learning a new language, mastering a musical instrument, or leading a community project, this award will inspire you to discover and refine abilities that can shape your future.
- **Community Service Impact:** Giving back to the community not only helps others but also enriches your own life. By engaging in community service, you contribute to positive change and development in your area. This could be anything from organizing a local clean-up to volunteering at a food bank. Every act of service counts and helps build a stronger, more connected community.
- **Physical Fitness Goals:** The award encourages a healthy lifestyle through physical fitness. Whether you prefer team sports, solo activities, or fitness challenges, you can set and achieve goals that contribute to your physical wellbeing. This is a great chance to try a new sport or push your limits in a favorite physical activity.
- **Adventurous Exploration:** The expedition/exploration component offers a chance to plan and undertake an adventurous journey, whether it's a hike in a national park or a cultural exploration in a different part of the country or world. It's about stepping out of your comfort zone and learning from the wider world.
- **Recognized by the U.S. Congress:** As the only award for youth given by the United States Congress, this is a unique honor. Achieving the Congressional Award demonstrates your commitment, responsibility, and perseverance to colleges, employers, and your peers.
- **Tailored to Your Interests and Goals:** One of the most appealing aspects of the Congressional Award is that it's self-driven. You set your own goals and choose activities that interest you, making the journey towards the award as unique as you are.
- **Networking and Community:** Participants join a community of motivated and accomplished peers. You will have opportunities to connect with other like-minded individuals, share experiences, and build a network that can support your future endeavors.

This June, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Youth Representative Abigail Norman will receive this honor in Washington, D.C. She encourages others in high school to sign up now. You must sign up before the volunteer hours will count. Serving your Neighborhood Council Youth and Outreach Committee is a great way to find opportunities to serve your community.

Remember, there's no minimum requirement to start. Whether you're just beginning to explore new activities or you're already active in community service and personal development, the Congressional Award adapts to your current level of involvement. It's not about being the best; it's about being your best.

So why wait? Take this opportunity to challenge yourself, make a difference, and be recognized by the United States Congress. Apply for the Congressional Award today, and start your journey towards personal growth and community impact! [www.congressionalaward.org/register/](http://www.congressionalaward.org/register/)

# Going Green at Seventh Street Elementary School

Seventh Street Arts Integration Magnet is proudly one of Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's schools, and we are working on going green.

We have been recycling for a long time. Our students are taught to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Going green is much more than just this.

One of our main concerns is the use of asphalt and cement in our play areas. We need community help to give our students areas clear of asphalt and cement. We are working with Green Dragon Education to support these efforts.

With petitions from [change.org](http://change.org) we are choos-

ing greening over repavement or asphalt. Green pavement is permeable and porous and allows water to return to the ground. This saves toxins from being washed into our sewers.

Additionally, pavement and asphalt is extremely hot, causing additional injuries and problems for students in hot weather. Greening helps eliminate these problems.

Please support us in this campaign to give our students a greener school.

For more information, contact:

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# YMCA's Youth and Government Program

By Abi Norman, Youth Representative, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Youth and Government at the YMCA in San Pedro is an enriching program for local students. This initiative extends an opportunity to students spanning from the sixth to 12th grade, providing insight into government and policy.

At the core of this program lies the YMCA's commitment to developing critical thinking and debating skills. Students are encouraged to delve into a plethora of topics, ranging from civics to new legislation. This fosters a well-rounded understanding of how the government works.

Participants of Youth and Government can

meet with their peers regularly at the YMCA and fine-tune their skills. As these strategic approaches are developed, students are presented with the exciting opportunity to attend immersive trips, enabling them to delve into the workings of government firsthand.

If you know a teenager, or are a teenager, with a keen interest in government, consider the opportunity to delve deeper into the Youth and Government program at the YMCA in San Pedro.

For more information, contact Abi Norman at [abilibertynorman@gmail.com](mailto:abilibertynorman@gmail.com).

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by picking up a game board at any library location. You can also take part by logging your reading and activities online through Beanstack or by using the Beanstack Tracker app.**

**Once you have finished the Summer Reading Challenge, bring your completed game board to any Los Angeles Public Library location, or complete your online log with Beanstack in order to be entered into branch and grand prize drawings.**

Please note that an email address or phone number is required to enter prize drawings so that winners can be notified.

**Sign Up Prizes:** While Supplies Last

Babies-Children (Ages 0-12)



**Book & Tote Bag**

Teens (Ages 13-18)



**Book & Tote Bag**

Adults (Ages 19+)



**Book & Tote Bag**

**Completion Prizes:** While Supplies Last

Babies-Children (Ages 0-12)



**Sticker Sheet**

Teens (Ages 13-18)



**Journal**

Adults (Ages 19+)



**Journal**

**Branch Prizes:**



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Each of the Library's six regions will award three Regional Grand Prizes which include the opportunity to win an Apple iPad or Family Membership to any of the following locations: the Los Angeles Zoo, The Huntington Botanical Gardens, the Natural History Museum, the Aquarium of the Pacific or the Discovery Cube

Learn more at [lapl.org/summer](http://lapl.org/summer) and sign up today!

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**(310) 548-7779**

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**Monday to Thursday, 10:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**





## Save the Date: September 21, 2024

**Dr. Jane Goodall and her Roots & Shoots joined by Rotary International will be celebrating United Nations International Day of Peace in San Pedro. Watch our website—[www.nwsanpedro.org](http://www.nwsanpedro.org)—for details. Dr. Jane will be there in person.**

## What Seniors Should Know About Common Contractor Scams

### Door-to-Door Solicitations

An alleged scammer may offer to do roofing, painting, or paving work with “leftover” materials at a reduced or significantly discounted price. Once payment is made, little or no work is done and the project is abandoned.

### High-Pressure Sales

An alleged scammer pushes you for an immediate decision about work, which makes it impossible for you to get the recommended three competitive bids, check licenses or building permit requirements, or review references.

### Scare Tactics

An alleged scammer offers to perform a free inspection and then claims that a serious problem, such as faulty wiring, bad plumbing, or a leaky roof, will put you in danger. This can lead to unnecessary and overpriced work.

### Verbal Agreements

The alleged scammer states that a written contract is unnecessary and then does shoddy work—or none at all. It is difficult to prove what was agreed to without a written contract.

### Demand for Cash

The alleged scammer insists that you pay in cash, sometimes going so far as to drive you to the bank to withdraw funds. With money in hand, the person abandons a substandard or unfinished project.

### Illegally Large Down Payments

An alleged scammer takes more for a down payment than is allowed by law, claiming to need instant cash for supplies or to pay workers. By law, a down payment cannot exceed 10% of the total project price or \$1,000, whichever is less.\*  
\*There is an exception to this rule for about two dozen contractors who have filed a blanket performance and payment bond with the Registrar. This information is noted on the contractor's license detail page on CSLB's website.

For more information, visit the California Contractors State License Board website: [cslb.ca.gov](http://cslb.ca.gov)

## Parks Update

Local parks in Northwest San Pedro offer a variety of spring and summer programs. Program information will be included as available in the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council e-newsletters. To stay informed, subscribe at <https://www.nwsanpedro.org/> (Click on *Subscribe to E-Newsletter*)

### AVERILL PARK

1300 South Dodson Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732

### BOGDANOVICH PARK

1920 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, CA 90732

### HARBOR HIGHLANDS PARK

825 West Capitol Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731

### LELAND PARK

863 South Herbert Avenue, San Pedro, CQA 90731

### PECK PARK

560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732

These parks are operated by the City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation and Parks

Website: <https://www.laparks.org/>

### DEANE DANA FRIENDSHIP PARK AND NATURE CENTER

1805 West Ninth Street, San Pedro, CA 90732

Operated by the County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation

Website: <https://parks.lacounty.gov/>

The city's Department of Recreation and Parks operates a number of museums in San Pedro. Visit to learn about the history of our community. Information is available at [laparks.org/museums](http://laparks.org/museums)

### CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM

3720 Stephen M White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731

### FORT MACARTHUR MUSEUM

3601 Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

### LOS ANGELES MARITIME MUSEUM

Berth 84, Foot of Sixth Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

### POINT FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

807 Paseo Del Mar San Pedro, Ca 90731

### WHITE POINT PARK (NATURE PRESERVE)

1600 West Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90731



## Public Safety Update

### How to Identify a Suspect

To capture a criminal in these highly mobile times, it is of utmost importance for the police to promptly obtain an accurate description. Following are some of the most important identifiers the police need to apprehend criminal suspects. Keep this information in mind so that you can give the police an accurate description of any criminal or criminal incident you may observe.

#### Location information is critical:

- Observe where you are and the exact location of the crime. Try to remember if you have ever seen the suspect in the area before.
- Note the time as precisely as possible.
- Observe if the suspect is carrying a weapon and, if so, what type—revolver, handgun, shotgun, knife, etc.
- If the suspect leaves the scene, note the direction of flight.
- If the suspect is in a vehicle, note as much of the following information as possible: vehicle type (auto, truck, van, etc.); color; make and model; condition (dirty, damaged, etc.); and license plate numbers.
- Note also if the vehicle has no license plates or a “license applied for” sticker in the rear windshield.
- Watch for decoys or accomplices.

#### A variety of general description information about the suspect should be noted:

- Sex
- Race or national origin
- Age (estimated)
- Height—use comparisons with your own height, a door, or some other standard measure
- Weight (estimated)
- Build—fat, husky, slim, muscular, etc.

#### Facial information is also important:

- Hair—note the color, texture, hairline, style; also possible dyes or wigs
- Forehead—note forehead height, and whether the skin is smooth, creased or wrinkled
- Eyes—note the color, shape (round, slanted), whether clear or bloodshot, and the heaviness of eyelashes and eyebrows

- Nose—overall shape (long, wide, flat, etc.) and nostrils (wide, narrow, flared) are important
- Cheeks—is the flesh sunken, filled out, dried or oily? are there wrinkles around nose or mouth? are cheek bones high or low, wide or narrow?
- Ears—note size and prominence (protruding or flat against head)
- Mouth—are lips thin, medium, full? do corners turn up, turn down, or level?
- Chin—what is the shape (round, oval, pointed, square)? double chin, dimpled, cleft?
- Neck—note protruding Adam's apple or hanging jowls
- Complexion—note pores, pockmarks, acne, razor rash, bumps
- Facial hair—clean shaven? unshaven? beard, mustache, goatee, sideburns?
- Tattoos—shape and style; on what part of the body

#### Clothing information is also very important:

- Hat—note color, style, ornaments, how it is worn (bill forward, backward, to one side)
- Coat—note color and style (suit coat, jacket, topcoat, overcoat)
- Shirt/Blouse/Dress—note color, design, sleeves, collar
- Trousers/Slacks/Skirt—note color, style, cuffs
- Socks—note color, pattern, length
- Shoes—note color, style, brand name for sneakers (if possible), condition
- Accessories—sweater, scarf, gloves, necktie
- Jewelry—rings, watches, bracelets, necklaces
- General appearance—neat or sloppy? clean or dirty?
- Oddities—look for clothing too large or too small; odd colors; patchwork

#### Look for other physical features or peculiarities:

- Voice—pitch, tone, rasp, lisp
- Speech—articulate, uneducated, accent, use of slang
- Gait—slow, fast, limp