

# WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION



*Newsletter* ~ Winter ~ 2005

## Letter from the President

Welcome to the Winter 2005 edition of the Westwood Park Association newsletter. Starting with this edition, our newsletters are now being brought to you by two of our residents, Nanette Asimov and Erica Langdon. Nanette has taken on the challenge of organizing and editing articles; Erica has taken over the duties of layout and production. So thank you, Nanette and Erica. Thank you also to Anne Nelson, our former newsletter producer, who for years did both of these time-consuming tasks herself.

I also want to thank some residents who have given of their time and energy, but who have not been publicly acknowledged for all the work they do. For years now, Margaret Reed has helped the Association by recording and depositing all checks that come in—no small task with 685 homes paying their dues each year. Margaret also attends monthly meetings of the West of Twin Peaks Council as representative of Westwood Park, and oversees the balloting for board member elections each year.

Joe Koman helps keep our resident database current by keeping us apprised of new homeowners moving in to the neighborhood. Joe also provides notary public services to the Association as needed. Mark Cozad provides clean-up after each of our annual picnic meetings, and Mike O'Driscoll disposes of all the trash. Mike also advises the Association on plumbing issues regarding the common areas. Shannon Edelstone is the Westwood Park representative on the newly formed Ocean Avenue Revitalization Committee, which is working to help merchants revitalize the commercial strip of Ocean Avenue.

Finally, I want to thank Laura Frey and Ken Rychwalski for the multi-faceted help they give the neighborhood, including attending city planning and zoning meetings and helping out with maintenance issues.

Thank you to all the other unsung heroes who pitch in to help make our neighborhood so wonderful.

Sincerely yours,  
Greg Clinton  
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Members of the Westwood Park Association Board of Directors are volunteers elected to serve three-year terms.

Board meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at the home of a board member, and begin at 7 p.m.

For information and the location of upcoming meetings, visit [www.westwoodpark.com](http://www.westwoodpark.com).

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# New Artwork for Ingleside Branch Library

by Nanette Asimov

The San Francisco Arts Commission has approved a neighborhood panel's choice of Eric Powell to create a work of art for the new Ingleside branch library.

Scheduled for completion in 2008, the library will be built in Westwood Park at Plymouth and Ocean avenues on the site of the old Sunset Garage.

Powell, of Eric Powell Arts in San Francisco, specializes in metal pieces – most recently, he created three bronze “Aerial Root Sculptures” for the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. His unique steel tables may be seen at The Gardener shop in Berkeley, and throughout the Bay Area are examples of some 400 of his gates, railing, balconies, arbors, fences, windscreens and trellises.

Representing Westwood Park, I was one of three community members elected at public meetings to choose an artist.

The others were Alice Wallace, a watercolorist from Ingleside Terraces, and Julia Bergman, a City College librarian. The two other panelists were Jan Nunes, branch manager of the Ingleside Library, and Anne Fougeron of Fougeron Architecture, one of two architecture firms designing our new library. The other firm is Group 4.

Our panel met several times last year to accomplish the tricky task of determining who would get to spend \$36,000 to beautify the new library. This money would buy us, essentially, One Big Work of Art. And since we were choosing the artist, not the art, we had to decide if we wanted someone who was likely to make the art for inside or outside. Did we want an artist whose work typically hangs on walls or from the ceiling? Who created modern, colorful pieces, or earthy tiles, pathways or gates?

Some decisions were simply practical. One artist lost out, for example, because the city

couldn't pay for the frequent cleaning the art would need.

In the end, Powell's portfolio of intricate gates and impressive metal work persuaded the panel that no matter what piece he created for us, library users and passersby would enjoy it indefinitely. It would ripen with age and inspire the architects as they plan our library and make it real.

The next step: Eric Powell will work with Anne Fougeron on a proposal for a specific piece. That proposal then goes for approval to the Arts Commission, which also has the last word on the final design and completed work.

But you can influence the process, too. The Ingleside Library is sponsoring community meetings attended by the artists so that we can express our views on the development of the public art that will be for us and for our children.

See you there!

*read more library news on the next page*

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## Parking & Traffic Update

by Greg Clinton

By the time you read this, the long-awaited speed hump on Plymouth between Monterey and Montecito has been installed at last.

The Department of Parking & Traffic (DPT) is using this block of Plymouth as a speed hump test site. Traffic safety measures for other parts of the neighborhood are on hold until funding is obtained.

DPT's prioritization as to which areas of the city will get funds for “traffic calming” has been delayed until spring. The board has worked hard to see that Westwood Park gets funded. We will keep you informed as this process continues.

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## Annual Halloween Contest

We are happy to announce the winners of the 2004 Annual Halloween contest. The Association had a great time going through the neighborhood and seeing the efforts and creativity that went into the house decorations. The time and energy residents put into this are one of the things that make our neighborhood special, and we thank you.

### Winners:

1st Prize (\$25): 799 Faxon  
2nd Prize (\$15): 801 Monterey  
3rd Prize (\$10): 530 Staples

### Honorable Mention:

91 Eastwood  
30 Valdez

# Officer Assignments at Ingleside Police Station

by Captain Paul C. Chignell  
Commanding Officer  
Ingleside Police Station

As I approach one year as Captain of the Ingleside Police Station, my thoughts turn to the incredible diversity of this police district and how each neighborhood has unique concerns.

From Sunnydale to Bernal Heights, to Glen Park to Diamond Heights, to the Excelsior to Westwood Park, Miraloma Park, Outer Mission, Upper Noe, New Mission Terrace—and everything in between—we see the specter of major violent crime to areas that have a paucity of violence.

The 130 officers of the Ingleside District are allocated based on calls for service and the incidence of reported crimes. But rest assured that every neighborhood has 24-hour patrols and that we take seriously our responsibility to be available when you call.

In Westwood Park, traffic and pedestrian safety is paramount. In recent weeks we have stepped up our traffic enforcement on Monterey Boulevard, which can be a speedway during many hours of the day.

We also encourage residents to report crimes regardless of how minor the incident. Of course, if

your car is broken into or other property crimes occur, it isn't minor to the victim! We also allocate our resources in part on the number of these reports and the pattern of criminality — so please report anything suspicious.

Based upon seniority, officers sign up for shifts every six months: 6am to 4pm; 8am to 6pm; 11am to 9pm; 4pm to 2 am; and 9pm to 7am. This signup occurred in February, effective March 1. I have determined that we need additional officers at night, and not as many officers early in the day, so we will make those adjustments. I am also adding officers to the 11am to 9pm shift for the overlap that is needed in the late afternoons when we have problems at key intersections involving juveniles and young adults.

Please communicate with us at the Ingleside by calling 404-4000. We are located at #1 John V. Young Lane, San Francisco, California 94112.

We also send a daily e-mail, which has been well received by more than 800 residents. Each day, you can see which arrests are made and which crimes are reported. Please sign up by sending me a message at [Paul\\_Chignell@ci.sf.ca.us](mailto:Paul_Chignell@ci.sf.ca.us).

I look forward to hearing from you — please report crime, give us suggestions, ask questions, and if we do something wrong, please let me know.

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## Ingleside Library Wins State Matching Funds

by Nanette Asimov

The Ingleside Branch Library has won \$3.7 million in highly competitive grant money from the state, thanks to the efforts of Mindy Linetzky, bond program administrator for the San Francisco Branch Library Improvement Program.

Linetzky's proposal for the Ingleside Branch earned the highest ranking of "outstanding" from the California Public Library Construction & Renovation Board, which awarded the matching funds on Nov. 30.

"This was very competitive funding," Linetzky told the

Westwood Park Association board. "Only 12 out of 72 applications were funded. And only \$80 million out of \$587 million in requests were granted."

Linetzky thanked Westwood Park residents for the many post-cards, letters and emails they sent to the state on behalf of the library, as well residents' willingness to amend the neighborhood CC&Rs, allowing the library proposal to go forward.

"We couldn't have done it without you," she said.

The money will be used to build

our new branch library at Plymouth and Ocean avenues, which is scheduled for completion in 2008 on the site of the old Sunset Garage.

In all, Linetzky's work netted \$9.7 million in state matching grants for San Francisco libraries. Also earning an outstanding rank was the proposal for the Richmond branch, which will receive \$5.9 million for expansion.

Now the state is in the process of approving plans for the library. Watch this space — and the Westwood Park web site, [www.westwoodpark.com](http://www.westwoodpark.com), for updates!

# Westwood Park Zoning Update

by Anita Theoharis

Westwood Park is closely monitoring efforts by City Hall to allow San Francisco residents to build a second unit within their single-family homes with no off-street parking. We have formally requested that our neighborhood be excluded from any such plan.

Supervisor Aaron Peskin first made this proposal two years ago, and has not yet submitted it to the board for formal consideration.

Our neighborhood has consistently objected to plan. If passed, the law would radically alter the character of Westwood Park and other areas, and create a huge increase in the number of cars on our narrow streets.

The Westwood Park Association sent a letter in 2003 asking to be excluded from any new law of this kind. Bolstering our argument is that Westwood Park is zoned "RH-1D" (single-family detached), and our CC&Rs mandate single-family residences.

We are continuing to work with Supervisor Peskin and will keep you informed of this attempt to radically alter the character of our neighborhood.

Intrigued by Westwood Park's designation as a Residential Character District, the St. Francis Homes Association, Balboa Terrace and other neighborhoods have been contacting our Association to ask how they can achieve this status.

Westwood Park became the city's first – and only – Residential Character District when the Board of Supervisors adopted this legislation a decade ago. It means, for example, that our lovely neighborhood has its own design guidelines and a height limit of 28 feet, compared to most of the city's 40 feet.

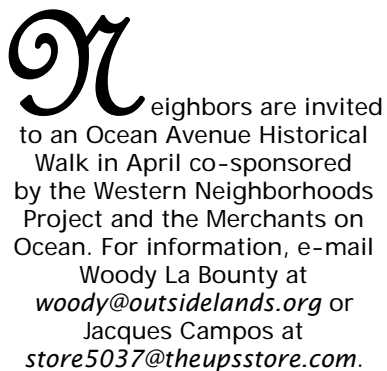
Thanks to the interest of many residents, you can now find our Westwood Park Residential Design Guidelines and historical information at [www.westwoodpark.com](http://www.westwoodpark.com).

We, of course, are pleased to assist our adjoining neighborhoods to help retain the unique neighborhood character of the many planned developments on the west side of the city.

Westwood Park is always looking for history or photographs about our neighborhood to add to our website. Please e-mail [board@westwoodpark.com](mailto:board@westwoodpark.com) if you have information to share.

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Neighbors are invited to an Ocean Avenue Historical Walk in April co-sponsored by the Western Neighborhoods Project and the Merchants on Ocean. For information, e-mail Woody La Bounty at [woody@outsidelands.org](mailto:woody@outsidelands.org) or Jacques Campos at [store5037@theupsstore.com](mailto:store5037@theupsstore.com).