

West Adams Matters

Preservation Forecast: Challenges in 2014

by Jean Frost, Preservation Vice-President

As WAHA begins a new calendar year, the forecast for 2014 appears to be challenging yet exciting as WAHA strives to fulfill its continuing mission of preserving the community's architectural and cultural heritage. On the horizon in West Adams is a year with major new Community Plan initiatives, additional nominations for Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monuments (HCMs), reviews within our Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs) to identify historic resources overlooked in some of our older HPOZ surveys, and, of course, advocacy when our historic resources are threatened.



Another gutted landmark: 1978 Estrella, HCM No. 498

Historic designation recognizes what is valuable in our community and worthy of special consideration in planning decisions. That is why we encourage our members to consider nominating properties (their own or other West Adams structures) for individual landmark designation. At times, WAHA has to call the significance of a property to a decision maker's attention. While preservation advocacy can be challenging, the reward is often seen in the form of walking by a building you saved or a project you helped make better.

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WAHA's Busy Year Ahead

Well, here we are, at the beginning of a new year, and — *Oh, Boy* — does WAHA have a lot of events already planned! Please take a look at WAHA's Preservation Calendar on page 19 (you could even cut it out and put in on your bulletin board or refrigerator), which includes many important dates already slated for fun events, historic tours and preservation activities.

Here are some of the highlights: In February, WAHA Steps Out to twice: On **Monday (all day), February 3**, we hope you will invite family and friends to dine with you (or take out food orders) at the Original El Cholo Cafe on Western Avenue, in a fundraiser for WAHA (see page 6.) And on **Saturday, February 15**, join us touring the annual Academy Award costumes exhibition at the FIDM Museum in Downtown (page 7). Then on **Saturday, March 1**, we will Let the Good Times Roll, N'Awlins-style, with a Mardi Gras potluck (page 7). Two weeks later, WAHA is gathering the West Adams-area HPOZ board members and "friends" for a mini-conference session (**Saturday, March 15**, details in the March newsletter). On **Saturday, March 22**, we're invited to a Secret City Tours event, dining out in West Adams and South Los Angeles (page 6).

Tired yet? There's more! On **Sunday, April 6**, mark your calendar for WAHA's Annual Membership Meeting and Board Elections (page 3). At month's end, **Sunday, April 27**, please plan to attend L.A. Heritage Day (details in the next newsletter). We also have the Preservation Brunch (**Sunday, May 18**), a Memorial Day Weekend remembrance at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery (**Sunday, May 25**), the annual Spring tour (**Saturday, June 7**), and the Living History Tour at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery (**Saturday, September 27**) all mapped out. These and more.... All we need is YOU! Please do take note of the dates, and we'll see you there. ●

Oil Drilling in West Adams

by Laura Meyers

At standing-room-only meetings in recent months, West Adams residents from University Park and Adams-Normandie to Kinney Heights and Jefferson Park are saying that oil and gas production activities in their historic neighborhoods have gotten out of hand, with impacts ranging from eye-stinging fumes, noxious smells, and loud noise, day and night, to potential harmful effects from chemicals utilized in some new drilling techniques.

As a result of these complaints, and some intervention by local and federal authorities, the Allenco site in University Park is (temporarily) shut down, and drilling at the Murphy site at Adams and Gramercy was halted (also temporarily). But this is just the beginning of what may be months, or years, of discussion as elected leaders will seek to balance the health and

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In the 1890s, a homeowner could drill a well in his own backyard — or front yard, as seen here near Downtown.

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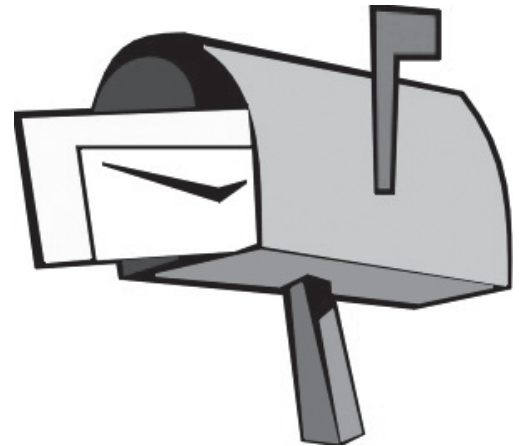
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Eat Out for West Adams:



WAHA Fundraiser at El Cholo Cafe, Monday, February 3

Please help support WAHA by “Stepping Out” to El Cholo Cafe on Monday, February 3rd — and bring your friends and family. WAHA will receive 20% of whatever you spend, dining in or take-out! Just bring the flyer on page 17, and enjoy.



Dear WAHA — We Get Letters

Dear WAHA:
 Happy New Year. What a great party it was the other night! We had such a wonderful time. The food and wine were sooooo good. You all always do a great job with these events!!! I also wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the article Mitzi and Laura wrote on the street names in West Adams. It was very interesting and I really enjoy learning things like that. Los Angeles has such a rich heritage.

Cheers, *Lily Raven*

Dear Laura,
 I have been meaning to write to you for months. I wanted to congratulate you on the wonderful work you have been doing all these years for the Newsletter. The October issue was remarkable, as well as the latest December issue. The [30th] anniversary retrospective was truly great (and thanks for including me). Meanwhile, keep up the good work, and rest assured that someone is out there devouring every Newsletter.

Best wishes, *Joe Ryan*
 (former WAHA Board member)

Dear WAHA:
 We had the pleasure of hosting the WAHA Ice Cream Social in the backyard of our home in August. And even though we’ve traipsed through other people’s homes and yards for various WAHA events for years and years, we really had no idea what to expect as the host family.

Well, it was completely and totally wonderful. Suzie Henderson and Chris Eisenberg organized the event perfectly. They swept in that morning with sleeves rolled up, and got busy setting everything up. They worked seamlessly with all the gracious WAHA volunteers (including our own daughters Aria and Talia) to make sure each detail was attended to. We were so relaxed knowing that the event was in good hands that the time flew by. And when it was over—and this is what impressed us the most—Suzie, Chris and all the volunteers put our yard and home back into perfect order.

It was a wonderful day that we will always remember and we’re so thankful to be part of such a terrific community.

Warmest regards, *The Lentini Family (Hilary, AJ, Aria and Tali)*

President's Message by John Patterson

I don't know about you, but I'm finding it hard to believe that we're at the beginning of another new year! Where does the time go? As I look back over all that we have accomplished together over these past several months, I am heartened by the outpouring of support that has been forthcoming from the WAHA community. It's been great to have our two newest WAHA board members participating in shaping the direction of our organization. Just as important has been the energizing of our two very important Membership and Newsletter committees, especially with the inclusion of non-board member participation in both of those groups!

Our next step is to carry on this enthusiasm to our Events Committee. We heard our membership's call for a renewed emphasis on hosting WAHA Social Events, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Suzie Henderson for all of her work in bringing back our Ice Cream Social and organizing our many membership potlucks. These wonderful events are IN ADDITION to the Living History Tour, and Holiday Tour, our 4th of July party, the Newcomer's Dessert, and our annual Holiday & Volunteer Appreciation party just celebrated at the beginning of January.

Suzie and I, and all of the Board, are very much appreciative to those of you who have volunteered to help set up, serve, or clean up during the plethora of events WAHA hosts throughout the year. Yet it still comes down to a few core folks doing the lion's share of the work. We're hoping that if just a few *more* folks would take on a share of the organizational responsibilities and "captain" just one event, that would go a long way toward addressing the burden that feels more than a bit overwhelming at one point or another during the year.

Please write to Suzie via Events@WestAdamsHeritage.org, or to me at the e-mail address below, to express your willingness to step up. Let's give Suzie a hand (a great big round of applause) for all that she's done, and let's also give her a *helping* hand — and share the fun of throwing some really great parties. Together, let's make 2014 another really great year!!!!

John Patterson may be reached by e-mail at President@WestAdamsHeritage.org

ASK NOT WHAT WAHA CAN DO FOR YOU...

WAHA is looking for a few good men and women. Our Board of Directors Election and Annual Membership Meeting is on Sunday, April 6, and we need candidates to step up.

As always, we are looking for board members with fresh, upbeat, enthusiastic ideas. This community was founded by the best volunteers in the nation, and now is the time for members (you!) to come forward.

You need not spend an extraordinary amount of time doing tasks, but you must be committed to WAHA's goals of providing both member and community service, and its historic preservation mission of advocacy. Generally speaking, board members are expected to attend all WAHA board meetings (usually held the fourth Thursday of each month), help with WAHA's fundraising efforts, and share in the responsibility for WAHA's events, committees, advocacy, and social functions.

We don't have many requirements: a love of old houses and other historic buildings, an enthusiasm for community activities, membership in WAHA for at least six months, and a desire to preserve and improve our neighborhoods. WAHA always needs expertise in fundraising, zoning issues, and historic preservation. But if you have a program you'd like to initiate, those ideas are welcome, too.

If you'd like to run for the board, please submit a brief (100-word) candidate's statement introducing yourself to the membership. We will run these statements in the March *WAHA Matters* newsletter. **Submission deadline is Monday, February 10.** Please e-mail your statement to president@westadamsheritage.org. If you are still pondering your involvement past that deadline but decide to run for the Board, that's OK (although your name may not be on the ballot), since all Board candidates will be asked to present themselves at the April 6 election in a very short (one- to two-minute) speech. If you have not submitted a candidate's statement to the newsletter, you are required to be present at the election itself to run for the board.

To learn more about the requirements (and benefits) of serving on the WAHA board, please contact WAHA President John Patterson, at president@westadamsheritage.org. ●



At WAHA's party on January 4th there was an unofficial unveiling of a sculpture by artist and long-time member Georgia Toliver, created to benefit the West Adams Heritage Association. In October, at WAHA's 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Doheny Mansion, a silent auction was held as a fundraiser. Many WAHA artists, including Shelley Adler, David Pacheco, Art Curtis, Denice Lewis, Jett Loe, and Rory Cunningham, donated original artworks for the auction. One of these valuable and interesting prizes volunteered was to have a bust sculpted by Georgia. This particular winning bid was submitted by Don Lynch, and the result (pictured right) received a large number of compliments. Along with the other auction items, the combination of Don's bid and Georgia's donated time came together for a successful benefit to the organization. Photos courtesy David Pacheco.



It Takes A Village...To Raise A WAHA Volunteer

by Gisa Nico

The WAHA Holiday Tour is the kick-off to our holiday season, and we look forward to volunteering at the Soup House each year. We have been bringing our daughter Adele to the Holiday Tour to volunteer every year -- beginning the year she was in utero. My husband, David, and I have always loved having her with us.

This year my parents offered to watch Adele while we volunteered. For a split second, I actually thought about leaving her with my parents while we helped out. I thought it would be easier for us to focus on the volunteering tasks without her at our feet. But instead, we decided to bring her along again.



We are so glad that we didn't just drop her off. She is 4½ and we believe that this is the first year she really understood and appreciated what we were doing.

David and I were tickled to see her mingling with the other volunteers as well as the guests. Adele helped garnish the soup cups with cilantro, which led our fellow volunteers to proclaim her as "Princess Cilantro."

Her other job was to remind the piano player to start singing "Jingle Bells" after each group of guests had eaten their soup and toured the house.

Adele had the time of her life laughing with the other volunteers, chatting with the guests, singing Christmas carols around the piano, and walking around in her big ball gown!

We got to see our daughter in a totally different light. David and I are so thankful that we continued to include her.

Volunteering at the soup house as a family was one of the highlights of our holiday celebrations. We created special memories that night! ●



EDITOR'S NOTE:

We WAHonians know the truth that "it takes a village," and in WAHA's village, we raise our children to be volunteers. By way of example are the "Naan Girls" – the Lentinis and the Bronsons (pictured below, right) -- who volunteered this year at the Dinner House, helping make Indian savories such as Naan bread. And August and Theodore Robinson helped make, dish up and serve salads at the Salad House for the third year running. Georgia Toliver's son Sterling took excellent photos you saw in December's *WAHA Matters* newsletter.

And our helper kids grow up to be leaders: Yani Pohl (pictured below, left) and Molly Reiss were House and Kitchen Captains respectively this year, but started volunteering at WAHA Holiday Tours when they were five or six years old. Chris Carlson and Demetrius Pohl's son Jordan has volunteered at numerous Spring Tours – one year selling lemonade at a country-style stand at the Starr Farmhouse, during a tour. Dave Pleger's son Evan has volunteered through the years, serving appetizers at WAHA events and even participating as an actor at one of WAHA's Living History Tours (as did August Robinson this past year.)



There are a variety of ways kids can volunteer in our West Adams village, be it at WAHA tours or other events, at neighborhood clean-ups, delivering event flyers to neighbors, and/or helping out at Neighborhood Council-sponsored activities. ●



WAHA Matters

Another Fun WAHA Party

by Don Lynch


On Saturday, January 4, WAHA held its annual Thank You and "After" Holiday party for its members and volunteers. This year's event was held at the beautiful home of Georgia Toliver and her son Sterling.

Attendees found themselves presented with an abundance of food. Fruit, vegetables, dip, and beverages were laid out along the side of the house as one entered along the driveway, while appetizers were served in the dining room. The area in front of the garage was tented, with tables set for dining and the main course set off to one side. The restaurant El Cholo Spanish Café, a favorite for many, donated enchiladas. Jeff Valdez and Suzie Henderson created a salad, rice and beans, and an abundance of pasta, all of which were eagerly consumed. In the open garage, desserts of all kinds were laid out on the billiard table.

Everyone enjoyed Georgia's beautiful Spanish style home. Some chose to sit indoors, but the warm weather allowed others to sit outside, either under the tent or by the pool.

WAHA President John Patterson made a short yet heartfelt speech, acknowledging those who had assisted Suzie, WAHA's vice president for Events, with the party preparations. Importantly, John also noted that this party was WAHA's thank you to **ALL the volunteers** (and homeowners) who helped out with both the Holiday Tour and September's Living History Tour as well as all of WAHA's activities this past year. WAHA relies on its volunteers to create each and every one of our successful events!

Many familiar faces were in the crowd, from long-time members to newer ones, and everyone agreed the party was an enormous success. It was appreciated that the gathering was held soon after the holidays, when people were more available to attend, and yet close enough that we could wish our friends and neighbors a Happy New Year. ●



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Stepping Out

Stepping Out: Dine Out for WAHA at El Cholo Spanish Café

Please join us for a fun and delicious fundraising event benefitting the West Adams Heritage Association

Monday, February 3

Anytime from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**At The Original El Cholo Los Angeles, 1121 South Western Avenue
(between Pico and Olympic)**

El Cholo Spanish Café has generously selected WAHA as a Community Partner. Simply by dining at the restaurant, on Monday, February 3, you and your friends and family can enjoy great food and support WAHA at the same time. The special offer is good all day long, for lunch and/or dinner when you order El Cholo's delicious food eaten at the restaurant or even for take-out orders. The only thing you need to do (aside from actually going) is bring the flyer with you — cut it out on page 17, or download and print from WAHA's website,

<http://www.westadamsheritage.org/waha-el-cholo-fund-raiser>

So let's make it a WAHA night (or day) out — with as many friends and family members as you can muster. 20% of the proceeds, including margaritas consumed in-house, will be donated to the West Adams Heritage Association. The information is also on WAHA's Facebook page, so be sure to share the link with all of your Facebook friends, and let's show how much we love El Cholo's food - AND their generosity! ●



Eat Your Way Through West Adams and South Los Angeles

A L.A. Enthusiast Serves Up an Inside Look at His Beloved Hometown and Its Eclectic Cuisine

Saturday, March 22

10 a.m./Location TBA

Attention WAHA Foodies -- Secret City Tour's "Eat Your Way Through L.A." culinary excursions land in West Adams in March. "Eat Your Way Through L.A.: South L.A. Tour" will travel south of the 10 Freeway, starting in Historic West Adams and heading south to include Chesterfield Square, Canterbury Knolls and Watts, among other diverse neighborhoods (with diverse gastronomic treats!) in South and Southwest Los Angeles. "This tour will give you a deeper understanding of our city's culture," explains John Bwarie, co-owner, with wife Laura Bwarie, of Secret City.



WAHA first met John Bwarie in his leadership role creating the Los Angeles Heritage Alliance, bringing over 200 heritage organizations in the greater Los Angeles area together to share their collective appreciation for this great city's history. Shortly after marrying in 2012, John and Laura launched Secret City. Their goal: to promote Los Angeles and the businesses, history, and neighborhoods that make it thrive. Along with food tours, Secret City hosts walking tours and other bus tours featuring little-known spots, shopping secrets and outdoor activities in Los Angeles. The "Eat Your Way Through L.A." food tours are by invitation only (but WAHA is invited!) at this time, due to the limited space allowed.

Participants in Secret City's "Eat Your Way Through L.A." food tours are guided through the city on a luxury bus. For the cost of the approximately four-hour tour, (prices range from \$45-\$65) guests are provided at least 5 tastes of foods from various restaurants and establishments around Los Angeles, often directly from the chef or owner. The tours also feature information about Los Angeles and the food "theme," and attendees can win prizes with trivia and games while enjoying the ride around town. No two tours are alike, and space is limited to the capacity of the bus. The tour cost is all inclusive, but attendees are encouraged to bring cash with them if they wish to purchase drinks (beyond the water provided) or other items.

The Secret City "Eat Your Way" South L.A. tour price is \$60. But, here's our secret: WAHA members get \$10 off the March 22nd tour. Log onto www.EatSouthLA.brownpapertickets.com and use the discount password "WAHA1." Those who reserve will learn the meet-up location.

Along with the Historic West Adams/South Los Angeles tour, other upcoming events include:

February 22nd: "Eat Your Way Through L.A.": Taco Tour — A taco-riffic four-hour tour across L.A. revealing secret spots for some of L.A.'s most interesting & delicious tacos.

April 26th: "Eat Your Way Through L.A." Bakery Tour — A four-hour tour across L.A. enjoying secret spots for some of L.A.'s bakeries, highlighting savory and sweet treats.

For more information or to be added to the "Secret City Citizens" e-list, e-mail Bwarie directly at SecretCityUSA@gmail.com or follow @SecretCityLA on Twitter & Instagram or SecretCityTours on Facebook. ●

Clothing That Tells A Story: 22nd Annual Art of Motion Picture Design at FIDM

Saturday, February 15

2:30 p.m.

Exhibition is on view February 11 through April 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays

FIDM Museum at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, 919 S. Grand Ave. (Downtown L.A.)

Please join WAHA's own costume designer extraordinaire Rory Cunningham and fellow West Adams residents for a special afternoon with Oscar -- Oscar costumes at the FIDM Museum, that is.

The annual Art of Motion Picture Costume Design exhibition at the FIDM Museum celebrates the art and industry of costume design, and honors the work of designers in the industry. The 2014 exhibition features costumes from four of this year's nominated films: *American Hustle* (Michael Wilkinson), *The Great Gatsby* (Catherine Martin), *The Invisible Woman* (Michael O'Connor), and *12 Years A Slave* (Patricia Norris). [At press time, it was not known if the fifth Oscar nominee, *The Grandmaster* (William Chang Suk Ping), would be included.]

Besides the Oscar-nominated films, the 2014 exhibition features an array of nearly 100 costumes, period to contemporary, from twenty 2013 films, including *Lee Daniels' The Butler* and *Saving Mr. Banks*, plus a gallery full of super hero, sci-fi and



fantasy characters from films that include *Oblivion*, *Pacific Rim*, and *After Earth*. In addition, last year's Oscar-winning costumes for *Anna Karenina* (left) by designer Jacqueline Durran will be showcased.

WAHA's special tour of the exhibition offers not only a look at the beautiful costumes on display but also an insider's view of how costumes help define a movie's look and characterizations.

As always, we look forward to a fun and informative tour. Meet in front of the exhibition, in the park area at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. And, you are invited afterwards for cocktails and dinner (no host) at a nearby venue. (Parking is available under the FIDM building, but if you are

joining the group for the later cocktails and dinner, you will need to park in a lot that remains open until at least 9 p.m., as the FIDM lot will close when the museum closes.) ●

WAHA's Own Mardi Gras – Let's Party!

Saturday, March 1

4 – 7 p.m.

Jeff Valdez and John Patterson's home, 2708 Kenwood (one block east of Normandie in the Adams Normandie HPOZ neighborhood)

Think Carnival, be it in Rio or Venezia. Just before Lent and Ash Wednesday, revelers throughout the world go all out to celebrate "Fat Tuesday." This year, Mardi Gras comes to West Adams. So before you give up all your bad habits, you're invited to join your WAHA friends and neighbors as we celebrate Mardi Gras, "N'Awlins" style with festive food, beverages and a whole lotta fun.

Please put on your very best beads and masks in the spirit of this celebration – we're even expecting to see a FABULOUS costume or two. WAHA will provide plenty of beverages. The Big Easy is known for its great cuisine, and we are hoping this will not be an ordinary WAHA potluck. Please bring a dish to share, perhaps something with a Southern, Creole or Cajun flair. (For those not versed in Louisiana culture, all you really need to know is that Creole cuisine uses tomatoes, and proper Cajun food does not.) This is a perfect time to bring out that bread pudding or dirty rice dish, or even your special gumbo. If it is really yummy, why not bring along a few copies of the recipe to share?

The real message... Be Prepared to Party!

Laissez les bons temps rouler! ●



Preservation Matters

Preservation Forecast 2014 *continued from page 1*

Two trends we have observed this past year have been the “mansionization” of West Adams and the gutting of historic buildings’ interiors.

Mansionization: We are beginning to see construction proposals for new out-of-scale buildings whose volume exceeds what is prevailing in the neighborhoods. Some developers use as their guideline the single largest building nearby as a justification to build what will completely alter the scale of a neighborhood, as opposed to fitting into the prevailing community character. Although the city has passed legislation somewhat protecting single-family-zoned neighborhoods from this practice, West Adams’ many multi-family-zoned character neighborhoods are not protected.

Interior demolition: The second trend we have seen is the gutting of the interiors of designated properties. Sometimes it is done to create a maximum of rental units within the “shell” of the historic buildings, destroying significant historic aspects of the interior. Other times it is a “flipper” trying to modernize one of our older homes. (Contributors to HPOZs, unless there is other recognition such as National Register eligible or HCM status, are only reviewed for exterior changes; however, for individually designated buildings, the character-defining features on both the interior and exterior are to be protected.) There are three HCMs that were gutted in the past year: the Connell Carriage House (634 West 23rd Street), the Bishop Residence (1342 West Adams), and the Martz “Quintuplet” (1978 Estrella). Too often alterations are done without benefit of the required permits, nullifying the safety net that would have prevented the destruction.

West Adams Has Become A Magnet for Development

In one sense we are the victims of our own success. Preservation has been a means to instill community pride and build on the past, and the success of historic preservation in enhancing the quality of life in a “blighted” area means that previously neglected neighborhoods become prime locations for developers seeking newly promising neighborhoods. Many good developers research an area and understand its preservation guidelines, including Secretary of Interior’s Standards, but some do not. So out-of-scale buildings are proposed and WAHA must step in and attempt to affect the project.

There are two pending housing projects that create a new scale for a neighborhood, both in University Park: the Oak Norwood project and the Anastasi project.

The Oak Norwood project was first not approved by the University Park HPOZ Board, but then it was approved by the Director of Planning, and then it was appealed. The case was heard at the South Area Planning Commission on January 21, and the appeal was not upheld (it is expected that the Appellant, Adams-Dockweiler Heritage Organizing Committee, will further appeal to City Council). The project consists of 29 units, with 54 bedrooms located within six new two- and three-story buildings along the west side of the 2300 block-face of Oak Street and a 72-space underground parking lot for shared use by the Los Angeles Unified School District in the University Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone.

This proposed in-fill Oak Norwood project is the largest single project attempted in the University Park HPOZ’s twelve years. A total of 31,571 square feet of new construction within six separate buildings is set down alongside a uniquely homogeneous Twentieth Street National Register Historic District. The project replaces what were once one- and two-story buildings (demolished by the LAUSD in the 1980s) with a two- and three-story project that would result in an increase, from what was there originally, of lot coverage by 69% and an increase in the density volume by 180%. Neither of these statistics is compatible or conforming to the University Park Preservation Plan. However, not only has the Director of Planning disagreed with the Board’s recommendation to deny the project, but a Zoning Administrator also made a decision allowing reduced setbacks (a decision that has also been appealed). WAHA supports the appeal in the hopes that the massing, scale and volume of the project can be reduced.

The Secretary of Interior’s Standards (developed by the National Park Services and universally recognized) state (in part):

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.



Rendering of the six-story proposed Anastasi project on the historic “Mortuary Row” section of Washington Boulevard (far left); the existing adjacent building to the west (near left) is much shorter and has less massing on its site.

WAHA also objected to the use of school parking combined with tenant parking in what would not be allowed normally in an "RD1.5" (restricted density) zone, which in a complicated formula is considered the prevailing adjacent zone of the PF (public facilities) zone.

The second proposed project is the Anastasi Project (pictured prior page), which provides for construction of an approximately 182,575-square-foot, 142-unit residential townhome/condominium in six separate structures, with heights ranging from 65.5 feet to 35 feet above ground surface. Two subterranean levels of parking would provide a total of 320 parking spaces. WAHA commented on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) raising issues regarding the scale of the project and its intrusion into what is a prevailing two-story neighborhood. The project calls for a six-story building on Washington Boulevard and Oak Street, which is defined by the scale of historic "Mortuary Row," an exclusively two-story neighborhood/area/block. The EIR uses information from 2007 and earlier. The developer was informed in 2007 that the project would not meet the requirements of the University Park Preservation Plan, so it is surprising that the same project came back in 2013 with no change.

An issue in Hollywood may affect Community Plans in West Adams. The quality of the data that guides decision making within the City of Los Angeles was reviewed by the Court in a recent case, *Fix the City* etc. (the petitioners) versus the City of Los Angeles, that has made newspaper headlines recently. The contention of the petitioners was that the population data upon which the EIR for the Hollywood Community Plan Update relied "is fatally flawed" because it used the year 2000 census data rather than 2010 census data, with the result that the Hollywood EIR must be revised and then recirculated with appropriate analysis of the corrected basic data. The defining purpose of any Community Plan Update is the accommodation of projected population growth in the Plan area. The judge agreed that the census data was flawed and required that the Hollywood Community Plan Update and the accompanying EIR be vacated and set aside. The same older vintage of census data has been used in the revisions to the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan (headed to City Council for approval later this year, if this court case doesn't intervene), the South Los Angeles Community Plan and the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan (both of which will have public workshops and possibly initial hearings in 2014). How this court determination will affect these other plans, in these varying stages of process, is unknown.

WAHA is also anticipating, in 2014, resolution of the WAHA versus the City of Los Angeles case wherein WAHA petitioned the Court not to certify a categorical exemption ("CE") as the environmental clearance for the Roger Williams Baptist Church-Bishop Residence project (which has been reported in detail in previous issues of the WAHA Matters newsletter. By certifying a categorical exemption, the City would improperly avoid the careful analysis of impacts to this historic resource that is required by CEQA. Absent settlement, the case will be subject to attorneys' briefs, and we anticipate a resolution through the Court in spring of 2014.



The Fitzgerald Mansion in 1909, when it truly was elegant

Also included on WAHA's watch list for 2014:

Royal Street

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was circulated regarding the preparation of an EIR for a project that would involve the demolition of three historic properties. 3014 Royal Street was targeted for demolition by USC years ago to create a parking lot. After much objection from preservation parties, USC did not pursue the demolition but has let the mostly intact brick foursquare sit unused and unrestored while cars parked around it. Now, however, USC is proposing demolition again, for use of this location for an interim childcare center (a different location will be the permanent home), and this project was not anticipated in the recently approved USC Specific Plan. Given the substantial holdings of the developer (USC), WAHA seeks to find an alternative that does not involve demolition of historic properties.

On a more positive note, USC is preparing the National Register nomination for the USC historic district and has brought a dozen buildings on campus to the Cultural Heritage Commission for their designation as HCMs.

3115 West Adams Boulevard, the Fitzgerald Mansion

WAHA is monitoring proposals at the Fitzgerald Mansion, 3115 West Adams, HCM No. 258, also known as "The Elegant Manor." It was nuisance abated under a prior ownership, has not been rehabilitated, and the current ownership is a version of the investment group that bought it at a foreclosure auction. Although LADBS keeps citing the owners (including again this month) they have never done any work. WAHA's goal is that any project would result in the proper historic restoration of the mansion and sensitive development (if any) on the large adjacent parcel that is part of the designated property.

2200, 2218, and 2215 Harvard Boulevard

These properties have been advertised for sale as "tear downs." However, the zoning is unusual in this neighborhood. It has a "Q" or "Qualified" condition that basically does not allow new multi-family housing and supports the retention of existing older homes in order to encourage preservation. 2218, the Beckett Residence, has the added protection of being a designated HCM. All of the properties

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Preservation Matters

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are in the West Adams Heights National Register Eligible District surveyed by the Community Redevelopment Agency, which also separately designated these properties historic some years ago.

2067 Hobart Boulevard

The West Adams Heights Neighborhood Association is seeking to have this property's designation in the Harvard Heights HPOZ historic resources survey changed from non-contributor



Famed architect Frederick Roehrig designed the residence at 2067 Hobart in the Harvard Heights HPOZ. WAHA is advocating to change its status to "Contributor."

to contributor or contributor-altered. WAHA is preparing the report for the Planning Department to facilitate this change. The accuracy (or lack thereof) of historic resources surveys within the HPOZs is a continuing subject of discussion in many of the West Adams HPOZs. The Hancock Park survey was found to be flawed by the Court because the surveyor used "financial feasibility of restoration" as part of the rationale for deeming a building contributing, non-contributing or contributing-altered, and several West Adams surveys had included that same problematic criteria. The current survey criteria for new HPOZs also include a more defined cultural component.

This is just a smattering of what WAHA may be working on in 2014. To that end, we encourage WAHA members interested in preservation advocacy to contact the Preservation Committee at Preservation@westadamsheritage.org.

And, do save the date, Sunday, May 18, for WAHA's Annual Preservation Brunch, a celebration of preservation efforts and the presentation of the Martin Weil Award, WAHA's preservation award. This event is an acknowledgment and re-energizing of all of the good work done by WAHA members in furtherance of its mission. ●



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www.FaisDoDo.com
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duruso2@aol.com
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If you frequent a local business — retail store, restaurant, service provider, etc. — ask them if they would offer a discount to WAHA members. Explain that they'd benefit from the increased exposure to local consumers, and be listed in the WAHA newsletter. Or, call me at 323-733-6869 and I'll contact them. Please note: WAHA does not consistently verify active contractor license status. You are urged to complete your own due diligence for any work you plan to have done on your property.

— Steve Wallis

WAHA's 30th Anniversary

THE LIST

Around the House: 30 Favorite Resources *by Suzanne Henderson*

In honor of WAHA's 30th anniversary we are presenting a selection of 30 Resources (from among many more in our Rolodexes). Thanks to Elizabeth Fenner, John Patterson and Jeff Valdez for additional reporting, and many WAHA members for their recommendations. WAHA also has many fine advertisers, sponsors and Member Discounters (see page 11) whose services we adore, but do not necessarily recommend. Please remember to check the Contractor License status of anyone you hire, by visiting www.CSLB.ca.gov.

Alarms

National Alarm Company
12362 Beach Blvd., Stanton 90680
Contact: Goran Grguric, goran.nationalalarm@yahoo.com
800-483-5111
www.NationalAlarmCo.com

1. The Scoop: Natalie Neith enthusiastically recommends Goran, who lives in West Adams: "He's very trustworthy, and will do a wireless system that you can activate with your mobile phone."

Architectural Services

Derek Japha
2534 9th Avenue, Los Angeles 90018
323-422-7403
derekjapha@me.com
The Scoop: Derek is an architectural designer who does designs for property owners, and - where necessary, with structural engineers. He produces drawings sufficient for property owners or contractors to obtain building permits, and also obtains permits/clearances issued by the City Planning department, including approvals from HPOZs.

2.

Bee Removal

Bee Catchers
818-987-7477
www.BeeCatchersSoCal.com
The Scoop: Carmen Zigrang says: "Recently we were plagued by bees. They had built a hive within one of the support posts on our front porch...bees by the hundreds. Bee Catchers, an environmentally friendly company that prefers to capture bees and move them, came to the rescue. We had a special situation: removing bricks of the post could have undermined the safety of the front porch. But they spent the time to captures the bees they could, and then sprayed, and sealed all the cracks. We are bee free!"

3.

Bee Capture
Contact: Ruth Askren
323-580-1492
www.BeeCapture.com

The Scoop: Ruth specializes in live honeybee removal and relocation to new digs at the homes of one of her 900 urban beekeepers' happy homes. Or, she'll help you install a hive box in your own backyard – away from your historic home.

4.

Carpentry

Rick Mizuno
805-844-4498
The Scoop: Per John Patterson – Inspired Living Interiors: "When it comes to finish carpentry, you'd be hard-pressed to find a better wood-worker. A REALLY excellent craftsman.

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Rick has restored several stairway railings for various clients, rebuilding and strengthening newel posts, and built an entire fireplace surround for Lore Hilburg's offices in Wellington Square."

Carpet Cleaning

Arax Oriental Rug Cleaning
5007 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90016
323-935-8332
www.AraxCarpet.com
The Scoop: Since 1923. Often recommended. They do a very good job of cleaning delicate, antique rugs – and if you can deliver and pick up the rug(s) yourself, there's a significant discount.

6.

Electric

Pico Wholesale Electric & Lighting Supplies
4365 W Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 90019
323-934-9400
www.PicoWholesaleElectric.com
The Scoop: Recommended by Jeff Valdez – Inspired Living Interiors - Very friendly and helpful service. Wide array of LED lighting, including under-counter kitchen lighting strips. Big wholesale-like warehouse with everything you could need, just east of Lowes.

7.

Fabric

Home Fabrics & Trims
910 Wall St., Los Angeles 90015
213-689-9600
www.HomeFabricsAndTrims.com
The Scoop: Local costumers/sewing buffs Laurie McGee and Cat Slater note, "One stop shopping for high-end upholstery fabrics, trims and home décor items at decent prices."

8.

Michael Levine
919 S. Maple Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90015
213-689-1363

www.LowPriceFabric.com

The Scoop: Phenomenal selection. Get a cup of coffee, park for the day and go for it. This is a favorite of FIDM students and for good reason. Every month they have a list of daily specials — find it on their website.

Floors

Linoleum City
4849 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood 90029
323-856-1969

www.LinoleumCity.com

10. The Scoop: Great selection of old-fashioned linoleum (and also Marmoleum "Click" squares and sheet goods), along with look-alike vinyl squares for that old-timey checkerboard look for your vintage kitchen.

Floor Refinishing

Tony Adria
818-787-6509, cell 818-421-7769

The Scoop: Good work, good prices and charming.

Ami Basson
310-854-3738, cell 310-666-5011

The Scoop: Recommended by David Raposa — Ami has done meticulous work refinishing hardwood floors (and replacing wood in kind if needed, with staining-matching) in West Adams for many years.

Florist

CJ Matsumoto & Sons
1865 W. Cordova Street, Los Angeles 90007
323-733-6046

www.cjmatsumoto.com

13. The Scoop: Recommended by Jennifer Charnofsky. "It's a high end floral design studio, not a regular florist shop. Their work is gorgeous."

Gardens

Farmer Dave
323-573-9346
farmerdavesgarden@yahoo.com

The Scoop: David "Farmer Dave" Vestol owns ECOtopia Garden Design. He comes highly recommended by Nancy Senter for garden design and installation. "Fast and affordable."

9.

My Home Harvest
Julie Burleigh
323-633-4118
www.MyHomeHarvest.com

The Scoop: Julie, who lives in West Adams, designs and installs sustainable gardens, including vegetable gardens, drought tolerant gardens, chicken coops and compost structures. She also builds all kinds of outdoor structures such as decks, patios and fire pits.

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Lindeman/Stevens
5150 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340, Los Angeles 90036
Contact: Karla Lindeman
323-452-9316
www.LindemanStevens.com

The Scoop: Another WAHA/West Adams resident! High-end garden design with an "After C.A.R.E." (Create A Responsible Environment) component.

Handyperson Services

Ricardo Merida
323-540-8939

The Scoop: Talented handyman, referred by Carolyn Friend. "Worked for me for over 10 years. Amazing woodworker, meticulous painting, can fix anything! Resourceful, reasonable. He's able to bring on additional workers if necessary." He works by referral only, so tell him you heard about him from WAHA.

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Hardware

True Value Vermont Outlet
2929 S Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 90007
323-734-4477
www.VermontOutletTrueValue.com

The Scoop: Longtime West Adams family-owned business -- good service. They always seem to have the small widget that you don't know the name of!

18.

Interior Design

Inspired Living Interiors – Historically Sensitive Restorations, Kitchens and Baths
John Patterson and Jeff Valdez
2708 Kenwood Ave., Los Angeles 90007
213-216-0887
www.InspiredLivingInteriors.com

The Scoop: Highly recommended by Paula Brynen. "Great to work with. We finally got the kitchen of our dreams."

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30 Resources for Your Home

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Haas Design

Contact: Karen T. Haas

2187 West 24th St., Los Angeles 90018

323-896-4700

HaasDesign@mac.com

The Scoop: Haas is a longtime West Adams neighbor who helped save the South Seas House, is a board member for the Garden School Foundation, and she is a much-recommended kitchen and bath designer as well. Among other local

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projects, Haas designed a kitchen for writer Emily Green, who then wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*: "She commands such deep loyalty among preservationists that when I bought and began restoring my 1904 house down the street from her home and

design studio, I must have been referred to her 100 times. 'Ask Karen' this. 'Ask Karen' that." And so she did.

Lighting

Rejuvenation

8780 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 90034

310-400-1872

www.Rejuvenation.com

The Scoop: Vintage style lighting and hardware (plus a few true antiques). WAHA members get a 10% discount on all lighting. Mention your WAHA membership when you check out!

21.

Painting

Leo Hernandez

213-909-9206

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The Scoop: Leo does both interior and exterior painting. He is very nice and has excellent prices, and has worked for many people in and near West Adams.

Party Supply

Jhonny's Party Supplies

Alonzo Lopez

323-422-4571

323-270-5858

The Scoop: Inexpensive and easy to work with. They don't have a retail outlet, but do deliver for free.

23.

Pet Grooming

Desly's Pet Grooming

2144 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 90006

323-734-6000

The Scoop: Friendly service and local. WAHA supporter.

24.

Bubbles and Clips Mobile Pet Grooming

Contact: Bonnie Hayslett

2725 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles 90011

323-234-4345

www.MobilePetGroomers.net

The Scoop: Recommended by Lisa Schoening, "Excellent and reasonably priced."

25.

Piano Tuning

Geoff Sykes

323-478-9276

www.Ivories52.com

26.

The Scoop: Geoff is a Registered Piano Technician (RPT) who has revived many antique West Adams pianos to their original sweet sounds.

Plumbing

Davidson Plumbing Company

1116 West 24th St., Los Angeles 90007

213-749-1046

The Scoop: Reliable local plumbers who have serviced many WAHA members' properties; loyal supporters of this newsletter!

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Good Life Plumbing

Ulises Trejo

6919 De Celis Pl., Van Nuys 91406

805-215-0336

The Scoop: Prompt friendly service and good prices. Recommended by Marianne Muellerleile and Cat Slater.

Upholstery

JR Custom Upholstery

Victor Flores

323-331-6166

The Scoop: Fast service and great prices.

29.

Windows

Tom's Discount Glass & Mirror

7035 N. Figueroa Street, Highland Park 90042

323-258-8084

www.TomsDiscountGlassAndMirror.com

The Scoop: Certainly worth the trip to Highland Park: Tom's will replace your broken glass, make new wood windows to replicate old ones, and can order old-fashioned wavy glass (for a slight uptick in cost.) ●

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The Jewelry for Your House *by Laura Meyers*

Your wonderful historic home becomes a treasure chest of history, as you restore its many layers. Finally, nearing the end of the project, you need to decorate, not just with furniture and paint finishes, but also the house's "jewels" – the antique hardware and lighting. Ideally, you have all the original pieces. But if you do not (or if you do, but the pieces need repairs), there are local specialists who are great resources.

Carlos Casteneda

618 S. La Brea Los Angeles 90036 (at 6th; inside the antiques shop)
323-954-1717

Carlos repairs antique locks and can make new skeleton keys. He also sells antique hardware (lower cost than Liz, but far less selection). Plus, he can rewire your vintage lights OR replicate missing sconces to match your original. (As you might imagine, this last services is not cheap.)

Zapata Lock and Key

1809 S. Hoover St. Los Angeles 90007
213-747-7165

Great local locksmith who can fix many of your original mortise locks at his shop, and he will make housecalls.

Fantasy Lighting

7126 Melrose Ave. Los Angeles 90046
323-933-7244

www.FantasyLightingLA.com

Highly-recommended for rewiring antique lights, and they will use vintage-style cloth-covered wire, but plan to stand in a sometimes-lengthy queue. (Don't believe it when the person on the phone says, "Sure, we can do it this week." Your project really is behind every one that came in first.)

Liz's Antique Hardware

453 S. La Brea Los Angeles 90036 (at 6th)
323-939-4403

www.LAHardware.com

Vast, vast supply – don't be fooled by their limited online offerings. Be prepared to spend several hours, bring hand cream and your very best glasses to evaluate the details. Take stuff out "on approval" but do not – DO NOT – return it late, because now you own it!

Olde Good Things

1800 S. Grand Ave. Los Angeles 90015
213-746-8600

www.OGTstore.com

Very expensive for lighting and most furnishings, but you can find great bargains on antique doorknobs, escutcheons and other hardware. Open seven days a week.

Roland Souza

323-804-6070

Roland has been advertising old doors and windows in the *WAHA Matters* newsletter for years, but lately he's also developed a passion for antique/vintage hardware. Ask him about removing old paint without damaging or scratching the surfaces. ●

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Oil Drilling in West Adams

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safety of local residents — here in Historic West Adams and throughout Los Angeles — with the nation's need for domestic oil production.

Although there has been oil drilling in West Adams for the better part of a century (in 1946 the city established urban drilling districts to get the derricks out of random backyards), it has only been in the past decade that our four local drill sites (Allenco, at 23rd and Bonsallo; Murphy, at Adams & Gramercy; the Jefferson and Budlong site; and 4th and Washington) have had a surge in activity — due primarily to the increase in oil prices coupled with new technologies that allow the operators to figuratively squeeze out the last drop of recoverable oil from each deposit.

The first successful oil well in Los Angeles was drilled by Edward Doheny in 1892, in Echo Park, a part of the Los Angeles City Oil Field. Since then, Los Angeles has become home to the nation's most active urban oil fields: more than 3,700 derricks and drills in vaults pump oil from 55 active oil fields, according to the Center for Land Use Interpretation. Many of these drilling operations — and all of those in West Adams — involve “slant drilling,” a spider web-like network of drill pipes and production pipelines deep in the ground underneath our homes.

After decades of simply drilling and pumping, however, the older fields with large pools of oil are “mature” (read: tapped out), and the remaining deeply-imbedded crude is harder to extract. Oil drillers must inject water or steam to encourage the oil flow. Or — and in many of our neighbors' opinions, far, far worse — operators are mixing highly-toxic acids with the water to increase the flow of oil.

At the Jefferson and Budlong location, new owner Freeport-McMoran reported (to the Southern California Air Quality Management Department, or SCAQMD) utilizing 24,618 pounds of hydrofluoric acid, acetic acid and formic acid for a combination of well stimulation and acid reaction retardant during one reporting period. It is not clear if the ratio of acid to water may — or may not — be potentially harmful to the ground beneath our homes. However, there are major unanswered questions: How is this acid safely transported through the West Adams District? And where is it safely stored?

Meanwhile, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer has sued, requesting a permanent injunction to keep Allenco from restarting its production operations next door to Mount St. Mary's College, in University Park. The legal action alleges violations of environmental protection laws and regulations.

And at the Murphy Drill Site, drilling operations are also suspended, pending the issuance of proper permits. Local neighbors are appealing a Zoning Administrator's decision to allow the expansion of the footprint of the controlled drill site (the active work area that has been defined by surrounding walls since the early 1960s) into the parklike-landscaped lower portion of the lot, smack in the middle of Jefferson Park's HPOZ, in order to install a “CEB800” — a Clean Air Burner to literally burn waste gas, emitting the gasses into the air (but “cleanly”).

Between the gas burner(s) and the acids, adjacent residents are worried about potential explosions, fires, chemical spills and, basically, evacuation plans (none seem to exist.) Clearly there are more questions than *public* answers at this point. WAHA has joined with other community-based organizations in seeking answers to these and other questions. In the weeks and months ahead, there will be additional community meetings and, if neighbors get their way, public hearings, and WAHA will be in attendance. ●



Jefferson Park resident Steve Peckman speaks about the Murphy Drill Site at a meeting attended by a reported 300 community members.



Aerial view (Google maps) of the Murphy Drill Site, 2126 West Adams Blvd. The property covers 2.8 acres extending from Adams to 27th Street, at the bottom of the hill, and is surrounded by historic landmarks and residential uses. At right is a zoomed-in look at the walled-in controlled drill site itself.



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WAHA's 2014 Calendar for History Buffs and Preservation Advocates

FEBRUARY

- ✓ Fundraiser at El Cholo Cafe
Monday, February 3, all day (see page 6)
- ✓ Oscar-nominated Costumes at FIDM
Saturday, February 15 (see page 7)

MARCH

- ✓ Mardi Gras Party
Saturday, March 1 (see page 7)
- ✓ A Gathering of West Adams HPOZs
Saturday, March 15
- ✓ Secret City's Eat Out in West Adams/South L.A. tour
Saturday, March 22

APRIL

- ✓ WAHA Annual Meeting and Elections
Sunday, April 6
- ✓ L.A. Times Festival of Books at USC
Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13
- ✓ L.A. Heritage Day
Sunday, April 27

MAY

- ✓ Neighborhood Council Elections
Saturday, May 10
- ✓ WAHA's Annual Preservation Brunch
Sunday, May 18
- ✓ Memorial Day Weekend Remembrance at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery — *Sunday, May 25*

JUNE

- ✓ WAHA's Annual Spring Historic Places Tour
Saturday, June 7

JULY

- ✓ WAHA's 4th of July Picnic
Friday, July 4

SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Living History Tour at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery
Saturday, September 27

DECEMBER

- ✓ Holiday Historic Homes Tour & Progressive Dinner
Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7

Calendar ✓

Upcoming Events

MARCH

A Gathering of West Adams HPOZs — WAHA sponsors a mini-conference

Saturday, March 15

(Hold the Date: Time & Place TBA)

Secret City Tours Dines in West Adams and South L.A.

Saturday, March 22

(see story, page 6)

APRIL

WAHA Annual Membership Meeting & Board Elections —

Sunday, April 6

(Hold the Date: Time & Place TBA)

WAHA's Busy Month Ahead

Whip out those new 2014 calendars — We have a ton of fun planned in the weeks ahead!

Fundraising Event at El Cholo Cafe

Monday, February 3, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

1121 S. Western Avenue

Please Step Out to El Cholo Cafe on the 3rd — and bring your friends and family: WAHA will receive 20% of whatever you spend! Just bring the flyer on page 17.



An Afternoon with Oscar (Costumes)

Saturday, February 15, 2:30 p.m.

FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising) Museum, 919 S. Grand (Downtown)

Get some behind-the-scenes insight into this year's Oscar nominees for best costumes as WAHA tours the annual Art of Motion Picture Costume Design exhibition at the FIDM Museum. (See page 7)

Mardi Gras in West Adams

Saturday, March 1, 4 - 7 p.m.

Celebrate at WAHA's next potluck, N'Awlins-style! In honor of Mardi Gras, please bring a Southern, Creole or Cajun dish to share. See details on page 7, and Let the Good Times Roll!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!



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