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Annual Board Nominations Next Meeting Your Chance to Get More Involved in Our Community

Every spring, North Westdale Neighborhood Association holds board member elections for the following year (September to June) and it's now time to start the process!



Please come to our next meeting to find out more about the open board positions:
President, Vice-President,

Treasurer and Secretary. We will also open the floor to nominations so that we can announce the candidates in the next newsletter.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 13 at 7pm and is held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (Federal Avenue & National Boulevard). Take a leadership role and give back to your community!

Keeping an Eye on the Skies Above N. Westdale NWN's Airport Subcommittee

Our airport subcommittee is doing a great job monitoring issues related to Santa Monica Airport. The members recently wrote a mission statement and we share it with the neighborhood here:

MISSION STATEMENT

The neighborhoods that make up the North Westdale Neighborhood Association are located either under the flight paths of, or adjacent to, or are otherwise impacted by operations at Santa Monica Airport. Therefore it is the mission of the NWN Airport Committee to:

- Provide a framework in which NWN can stay informed of the ongoing health, safety, environmental and quality of life issues created by the activities of the Santa Monica Airport; and to advocate for solutions to these issues. Two specific areas of

concern are air pollution and noise pollution.

- Encourage community participation. Besides outreach to neighbors within NWN itself, the committee shall interact with and support other community organizations involved in similar pursuits. Such organizations may include, but are not limited to, the Mar Vista Community Council, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, and Friends of Sunset Park.*
- Communicate to the City of Santa Monica the concerns of NWN regarding the Santa Monica Airport. Encourage officials of the City of Los



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SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

Monday,
April 13

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

Upcoming Meetings:

May 11
June 8

Meeting Agenda

1. Subcommittee Reports (Airport, Beautification, Crime, Outreach, Schools)
2. Board Nominations
3. New Business
4. Open Floor



North Westdale Social Diners' Club

Next Dinner:

Monday, April 6

7:00pm

Overland Café
3601 Overland Ave
(at Charnock)

Email bellagardendesign@att.net
to RSVP and to sign up for the mailing list to be
notified about future dinners!



Remember!
Earth Day 2009
April 22

Local Green Tips

- Learn about everything green from “the web’s greenest site”, Mother Nature Network at www.mnn.com
- OSH at 2020 S. Bundy Drive accepts all types of light bulbs, even if they are broken
- Staples at 11314 National Boulevard reuses and will give you a \$3.00 credit for all types of toner cartridges
- California Recycles at 1932 Cotner Avenue accepts batteries, electronics, remote controls, etc. (www.californiarecycles.com)

Mar Vista Community Council Presents Green Garden Showcase See How Your Neighbors Conserve Water While Maintaining a Beautiful Yard

This month the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) will be celebrating Earth Day 2009 with a Green Garden Showcase!

Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase
Sunday, April 26
2pm to 6pm

See what neighbors have done to help combat our water crisis. MVCC invites you to tour gardens in Mar Vista (including homes right here in North Westdale!) with innovative solutions — drought resistant landscaping with California native plants, succulent gardens and raised bed vegetable gardens. Learn about composting and rain barrels. Go to:

<http://marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com>

for a preview of the gardens and a map of the locations. Plan your own tour — choose a walking, biking or driving tour. Or select the gardens that showcase solutions that you are considering. Look for the flags with the MVCC logo in front

of the house.

Have you replaced your lawns with vegetable gardens or drought resistant landscaping? Do you have a “green” home? If so, MVCC would like to invite you to showcase your home or garden on the tour. Please email sherri@marvista.org by April 9.



North Westdale
Neighborhood
Association
is in Zone 2
of the Mar Vista
Community
Council. For more
info, please visit
www.MarVista.org



Do you have a submission for the
North Westdale Neighborhood
Association newsletter?

Deadline to be considered for the
May issue is Monday, April 27.

Help Keep Our Neighborhood Beautiful!

If you see graffiti, please report it to the City of Los Angeles for removal. You can call the city (3-1-1) or submit an online report at:

anti-graffiti.lacity.org

The School Report: News & Events at Richland Avenue Elementary

Now Accepting Enrollments for the 2009/2010 School Year!

Thank you to everyone in the neighborhood who turned out for this year's International Festival and Silent Auction. Your support of our school and the neighborhood's children is greatly appreciated!



of leadership opportunities, your child will thrive at Richland. The school reflects North Westdale's safe, friendly environment and is dedicated to challenging students academically. For more information or to reserve a space, call (310) 473-0467.

- Service Desk (2nd Floor) for the School Cents Program.
- Save Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education
- Sign up your grocery store club cards or WAMU debit card (follow procedures on their websites)
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program. Just one hour a week can make a huge difference for a child! Contact school librarian Susie Moreno at (310) 473-0467 for more information.

RICHLAND HAS A GREAT 6TH GRADE ... ENROLL TODAY!

Yes, that's right, Richland Avenue Elementary's middle school curriculum will help prepare your youngster for his or her bright future. Using technology and offering a variety

REMINDER!

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Don't forget there are many everyday ways you can support our local school:

- Turn in receipts for Westside Pavilion purchases at the Customer

Monthly Farmers Market Report

Gama Farms carries green onions about two feet long. They also have fresh eggs that are no more than two days old. They also expect to have cherries towards the end of April. Central Valley Farms hopes to have Filipino greens and vegetables in April such as bitter melon and leaves. Also expected at the end of April is corn from Gloria's Fruits and Vegetables.

If you're looking for cheeses, Lelio & Sons has a large selection and will help you find exactly what you need. They carry cheeses for grating, spreading and for dessert. Here's a list of just a few of their many cheeses: parmigiano reggiano, pecorino romano, burrata, smoked gouda, goat cheese with cranberry and cinnamon, Stilton with apricot, and wine derby.

Tasting samples are often available. Lelio & Sons will help you in responding to your cheese questions and requests.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

Every Sunday 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Grand View at Venice Blvd.

2nd Annual Psoriasis Walk for Awareness



Saturday, April 25
Ocean View Park
2701 Barnard Way

Registration begins at 8am
1K and 5K walks begin at 9am



Spend a beautiful day in the park and make a difference for more than 7.5 million Americans living with psoriasis. There will be fun, food and great entertainment from Dance Masters, Veronica Lopez and Marston Smith. Walk for Awareness is a great opportunity to raise funds for research programs and connect with others in your community! Register as a team captain, name your team and ask your friends and family to join. For more information or to register go to:

www.psoriasis.org/losangeleswalk. Questions, contact Jessica Milligan at (800) 723-9166 x368 or email jmilligan@psoriasis.org.

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
Vice President	Bahaa Mikhail
Secretary	Amy Levy
Treasurer	Lillia Singer
Webmaster	Andrew Parke
Newsletter Editor	Victoria Sanelli

If you have questions or would like to volunteer and get more involved with the neighborhood association, contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acpartners.com.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN) serves the community bounded by the 405 Freeway to the east, National Blvd to the south, Centinela Ave/Bundy Drive (Centinela north of Ocean Park and Bundy south of Ocean Park) to the west, and the Santa Monica Freeway to the north, representing approximately 1,000 homes. All residents, both home owners and renters, are members.

There is an annual voluntary donation of \$10 per household. NWN strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.



Join The North Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA>
Click on the "Join This Group" button and follow the online instructions.

Keeping An Eye, Cont. NWN's Airport Subcommittee

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Angeles to take part in the search for solutions to the issues regarding Santa Monica Airport's impacts on our community. Encourage State and Federal officials to seek legislative and administrative action on these issues.

*Mar Vista Community Council --NWN is also Zone 2 within the Council boundaries. Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution --the local grassroots organization set up in 2003 to be an umbrella organization for all who are impacted by Santa Monica Airport operations. Friends of Sunset Park --the Santa Monica neighborhood

organization representing our neighbors to the west and north of Santa Monica Airport.

If you share an interest in airport issues, we invite you to join this subcommittee! Call Gwen Rinehart at (310) 479-8996 for more information.

Block Captain Updates!



Maria Fluhmann will be taking over block captain duties for 2600 Butler from Lillia Singer and Lillia will now be block captain for 2700-2800 Coolidge. Thank you Maria and Lillia!!

We still have uncovered areas, so please consider volunteering to become block captain for any of these blocks:

2600, 2800 Armacost	2700-2800 Berkshire	2400-2800 Stoner
2700-2800 Barrington	12100 Clarkson	
2400 Bundy	2400, 2600-2800 Granville	

Time commitment is just 15-30 minutes a month to make a difference to our neighborhood! If you, or someone you know, would make a good block captain, please let us know! Call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acpartners.com.



Police Report

Senior Lead

Officer
Thomas Wicks
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 2/11/09 - 2/28/09:

Aggravated Assaults 1
Burglary (Vehicle) 9
Robbery 2
Burglary (Res/Biz) 12
Grand Theft Auto 4
Homicide 0
Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/ Business) has become a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. In several incidents this period the suspect gained entry via unsecured rear doors and windows. Lock and secure all doors and windows whenever you leave your home. Leave a light or television on to give the impression that someone is home. Install sensor lights all around your property. Burglary suspects detest lights for fear of being seen committing their

crime. If you observe any suspicious activity be a good neighborhood and call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Reminder:
A25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEETING
Tues, April 14, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles