

# North Westdale News

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

Do you have ideas about how our neighborhood could be improved? Well now is your chance to do something about it! 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 12 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!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

**Monday,  
April 12**

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

Upcoming  
Meetings  
(Second Monday  
of the Month):

May 10

Jun 14

(summer break)

Sep 13

Find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Hear what's happening with schools, airport issues, the Mar Vista Community Council, neighborhood events, crime and more.

Join L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution and the North Westdale Neighborhood Association

## Rally Against Toxic Jet Pollution at Santa Monica Airport!

Sunday, April 18

2:00 pm

Sardis Ave cul-de-sac  
(west of Armacost)



Marking the 40th anniversary of Earth Day! There will be guest speakers including L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl (others to be announced). Followed by a march through the neighborhood where a UCLA study measured high levels of toxic pollution from jets.

For more information, call Martin Rubin (310) 479-2529 or email [jetairpollution@earthlink.net](mailto:jetairpollution@earthlink.net).



## From The President's Desk:

Dear Neighbors,

Once again, as I sit and write this month's message, I am amazed at how fast time flies! At this month's coming meeting, we will be conducting nominations for our annual elections. It is hard to believe a year has already gone by that fast.

In the past year, we have updated our bylaws, incorporated two additional streets to our neighborhood association, adopted a new budget process, appointed a Block Captain Leader, created and appointed a Zone 2 Liaison to the MVCC and we co-sponsored a very successful forum on the pollution coming from the Santa Monica Airport.

We were able to accomplish all this thanks to the dedication of many of our neighbors! I am extremely grateful for everyone involved in keeping our neighborhood the safe and charming place we all live in.

I also can not help but wonder how much more we could do together if even more of our neighbors actively participated! So please consider this a personal invitation to come to our next meeting! You are cordially invited!

Nominations will not be the only thing we will be doing in April. On Sunday, April 18th the NWNA and CRAAP will be co-sponsoring a peaceful

protest of the Santa Monica Airport, in honor of Earth Day. The City of Santa Monica and the FAA have yet to respond to the UCLA study published last November, in which it was determined that our neighborhood has extremely high levels of Ultra-Fine Particles coming from the Santa Monica Airport. Their current policy of ignoring the issue is not going to resolve this problem. You can find more information about this event in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 310-709-6431 or email me at bahaa@netpayservices.com.

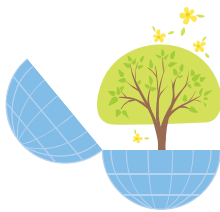
Your friend and neighbor,

*Bahaa*

Bahaa Mikhail  
President, NWNA

### MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Reports: President-Nominations for May Elections, Vice-President, Treasurer
3. Committee Reports: Budget, Block Captains, Safety, Richland, Outreach, Airport
4. New Business
5. Adjournment



## Eco-Day: Sat., April 17

Hosted by Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church in conjunction with the EcoHome Network and Los Angeles Greensters

### SCHEDULE

- 12:00 pm Safe Cycling Demonstration
- 1:00 pm Trip to Electronics Recycling Center in Westwood led by the L.A. Greensters
- 4:00 pm Lecture by Julia Russell of the EcoHome Network on sustainability for the home

A day of environmental demonstration projects including safe cycling, electronics recycling and green living demonstration project! All starting right here in our neighborhood at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 11555 National Boulevard.

## The School Report: News & Events at Richland Avenue Elementary

### **RICHLAND-CSA PROGRAM**

Richland Avenue has teamed up with South Central Farmer's Cooperative to bring fresh, organic produce to our neighborhood.

For \$20 a box, program participants receive a box of produce every other week. Each box is chock full of fresh, in season produce and vary from week to week depending on what is ready to eat when the farmers harvest. Each box contains enough produce to feed a family of four for a week or a single/couple for two weeks.

For each box sold, Richland earns \$5 to go toward our Learning Garden.

Too much produce for your small household? Split a box with a friend! To order your box contact Debi Huang, tdj2004@gmail.com or 310/963-2344.

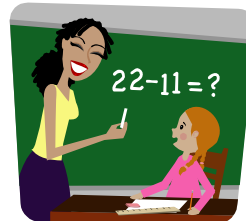
### **TRADITIONAL KINDER PROGRAM**

Is your child going to turn 5 between September 2 and December 2?

Richland Avenue is applying for a Full Day Transitional Kindergarten program



for kids who might not be quite ready for Kindergarten, but ready to leave pre-school. After the students got through the Transitional Kinder, they will be ready for regular Kindergarten in 2011! Contact the school to get on the waiting list if the program is approved for the program. 310/473-0467.



### **SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS WANTED!**

Our International Festival and Silent Auction is June 5. If you have something you would like to donate to the Silent Auction you can drop any donations off at the school. You can download donation receipts and donation letters at [www.richlandbooster.com](http://www.richlandbooster.com).

### **BOOSTER CLUB WEBSITE**

Visit our Booster Club website to keep up with all of the exciting happenings at Richland Avenue! [www.richlandbooster.com](http://www.richlandbooster.com).

### **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 Service Desk (2nd Floor) for the School Cents Program.
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops for Education and Capri Sun Juice Bags.
- Sign up your grocery store club cards (follow procedures on their websites), including Ralphs, Food4Less, Albertson's, E-scrip and Target Red Card.
- Office Depot's 5% Back to School program will give Richland credit for free school supplies with qualifying purchase. Designate Richland School ID #70010450 at check out.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program. Just one hour a week can make a huge difference for a child! Contact the school (310) 473-0467 for more info.

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**FREE** course taught by the L.A. Fire Department. Learn to protect yourself, family and neighbors in an emergency situation. Get trained to put out small fires, assess injuries, provide basic aid, conduct search and rescue, support police/fire department efforts and more. New course in our area starts March 11! To learn more about CERT, visit [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com).



**WESTWOOD VILLAGE SYNAGOGUE**  
1148 Westwood Blvd, 2nd Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Contact: Linda Torio, (310) 206-7342

Tuesdays, 9:00am to 12:00pm  
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8

**CENTURY PLAZA TOWERS**  
2049 Century Park East, Conf Room B  
Los Angeles, CA 90067  
Contact: David Lambert, (310) 226-7442

Tuesdays, 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8

## Become a Block Captain!

Help to energize our neighborhood! It's easy and takes very little of your time. Interested? Then don't hesitate. For details contact Block Captain Leader Marty Rubin at:

(310) 479-2529  
– Thank you!

## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bahaa Mikhail
Vice President	Bill Koontz
Secretary	Amy Levy
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 Bahaa Mikhail at 310-709-6431 or via email at [bahaa@netpayservices.com](mailto:bahaa@netpayservices.com).

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

## Deadline for the next issue is Monday, April 26 for the May issue.

*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.*

**We're on the web!**  
[www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com)

**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.



## Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
Tom Wicks  
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 1/01/10– 1/31/10:

Aggravated Assaults 0  
Burglary (Vehicle) 23  
Robbery 5  
Burglary (Res/Biz) 11  
Grand Theft Auto 16  
Homicide 0  
Sex 0  
Theft 21

During this rating period  
Burglary /Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has

become a problem in 14A25 area. In the majority of the incidents the items of value were left in plain sight. Items of value left in plain sight inside your vehicle are a welcome mat for BFMV suspects to burglarize your property. Whenever your vehicle is unattended lock and secure all doors/windows. Also close all air vents. Do not use your glove-box to store items of value. It is the first place BFMV suspects look. Place all items in the trunk of your vehicle and at the end of your day take all items inside your home with you. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program. It is still the best

tool we have against crime. Contact your local police if you observe a crime in progress.

### **Safety Tip**

Deadbolt locks safety tips:

All exterior doors, including the door to the garage, should have deadbolt locks installed on them. The bolts should reach inside the door frame at least one inch into the doorframe in the locked position, and should have a hardened steel insert to prevent anyone from sawing through it.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 11 ~ MVCC Election and Community Survey**  
Come vote for all 13 MVCC board seats! 10 AM - 4 PM  
Mar Vista Rec Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine Ave.

**April 4 ~ Candidate Day at the Farmers Market**  
10 AM to 1 PM at MVCC Outreach Booth  
Pacific Ave. & Grand View Blvd.

**April 6 ~ Come learn about the Candidates!**  
MVCC Candidate Forum 7 PM - 9 PM  
Mar Vista Rec Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine Ave.

**April 13 ~ Next MVCC Board Meeting**  
7 PM at Mar Vista Rec Center, 11430 Woodbine Ave.  
Second Tuesday of every month

**April 25 ~ Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase**  
Free self-guided tour of sustainable gardens  
Preview at [www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.com](http://www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.com)  
Pick up your map at 3972 Cooldige on day of tour

Visit us EVERY SUNDAY @ the Mar Vista Farmers' Market  
9 AM - 2 PM at the corner of Pacific Ave. & Grand View

NWNA is served by MVCC Zone 2 Director  
Bill Koontz, [billk@marvista.org](mailto:billk@marvista.org)  
Sign up to receive email announcements at  
[www.MarVista.org](http://www.MarVista.org)

## Save the Date!



Saturday, May 8  
Spring Fair

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Come over to St. Andrew's for a fun day of family activities, food and Music. There will be tasty baked goods for sale and bbq lunch. Activities begin in the morning and will continue through the afternoon.

## Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

As the days turn warmer, don't forget to close and lock your windows when you leave the house, even if it's just for a minute. Especially if you have a dog, it seems as though burglars these days are pepper spraying our poor pooches.