

North Westdale News

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Let Your Voice Be Heard at November 10th Town Hall Meeting

On Thursday, November 10, Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosen-dahl and Concerned Resi-dents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP) will host a special town hall meeting to discuss the impact Santa Monica Airport operations are having on the surround-ing communities of West Los Angeles, Mar Vista, Venice and Santa

Monica. A distinguished panel of experts from the medical, scientific and environ-mental fields will hear from our public officials and members of local communities about how traffic at Santa Monica Aiport affects the quality of life in these areas. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of

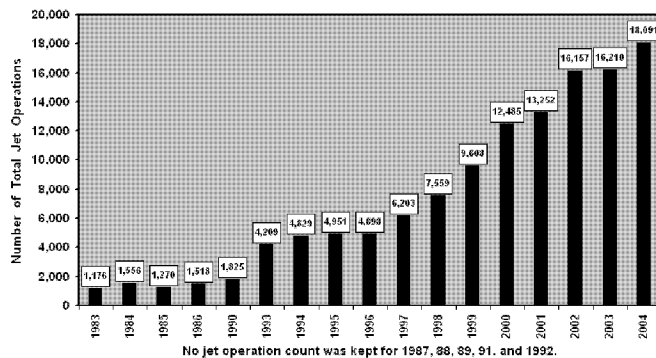
Daniel Webster Middle School (11330 West Graham Place, Los Angeles, CA 90064) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The town hall is free and open to the public. Re-freshments will be served. Street parking is available, as well as parking in the rear lot (enter from Sawtelle Boulevard at Ivy Place).

For more information or to RSVP for this impor-tant meeting, contact Martin Rubin, Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollu-tion at (310) 479-2529, or send an email to jetairpollution@earthlink.net.

Be sure to visit the Con-cerned Residents Against Airport Pollu-tion website at jetairpol-lution.com.

Growth of Jet Operations at SMO
1983 through 2004
(Data is from SMO records) Graph assembled by Martin Rubin



Get Spooked at the Richland Halloween Haunt

Looking for a screaming good time to get your little goblins in the mood for Halloween? Bring your kids (and your friends and neighbors) to Richland Elementary School's Haunted House

on Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30th from 4pm to 6pm. Tickets are \$2. Get thrills, chills and support your local school! Proceeds benefit Richland's on-going school projects.



SAVE THE DATE!

Next North Westdale Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, November 14

7:00pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Federal & Clarkson

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 statistics and more.

Be There or Be Square!

Westdale Courtyard Apartments Fighting for Historic-Cultural Monument Status

In mid-July, our City Councilman, Bill Rosendahl nominated the Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments, located on the south side of National Boulevard between Butler and Federal Avenues, for Historic-Cultural Monument status.

These twelve 50-plus year old single-story 4-plexes each with large open green spaces have been part of our community since its beginnings just after WW II. The most noted authorities on mid-20th century architecture in America support their historic worth.

Developers wish to remove existing

Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments and replace them with new larger, taller more dense condominiums.

Friends of Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments (FWCA) are at work trying to save these historic sites. They have collected over 1000 (one thousand) signatures on a petition opposing the destruction of these courtyard apartments.

You can participate in this decision-making process by conveying your views, first to the City Council's Planning Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and, second, to

the City Council, both which will vote on the issue within the next few weeks.

To be notified when the PLUM and City Council meeting dates are set or for more information, contact Ken Marsh of FWCA at 310-966-9054 or ken.marsh@verizon.net.

Richland Avenue Elementary Update: School-Community Team Meeting Planned for Nov 16

Want to find out what new projects are planned or are newly completed at Richland Avenue Elementary?

Do you have concerns, comments and other feedback about the future of the school? Would you like to help plan and participate in the "Holiday Garden Party"? Come join

School-Community Team Meeting:

Thursday, Nov 16

7pm

2641 Federal Avenue

RSVP to Beth or Cecile

the School-Community team on Wednesday, November 16th. The meeting will be held at 2641

Federal Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by neighbors Cecile Benson and Beth Salmon, our subcommittee meeting will cover a status report on

school improvement efforts, including the library renovation, the Learning Garden, efforts to improve the academic improvement index (API) and other issues that affect property owners of North Westdale. We're also looking for volunteers to participate in the "Holiday School Garden Party." To RSVP, please contact Beth Salmon at (310) 694-0293 or Cecile Benson at (310) 478-3264 or cecyben@comcast.net.

Your Vote Counts — Remember the Special Statewide Election Nov 8

On Tuesday, November 8, California will hold a special statewide election. There are several important measures up for consideration. Be sure to exercise your right to vote — when you do, you cherish the privilege of living in a free society.

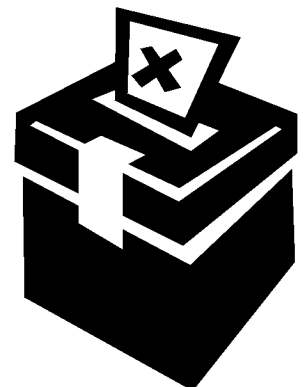
Please note that the rules for voting have recently changed to allow Californians to vote at any polling place. These ballots, called provisional ballots, will be counted after

the absentee ballots and ballots cast at assigned polling places. As a result, it can take a few days for these provisional ballots to be counted. The signatures must first to be verified and the voting rosters cross-checked to ensure the voter has not voted more than once.

If you have requested an absentee ballot, but do not mail it in time to arrive at the controller's office by voting day, you can bring your completed absentee ballot and de-

posit in the ballot box of any polling place.

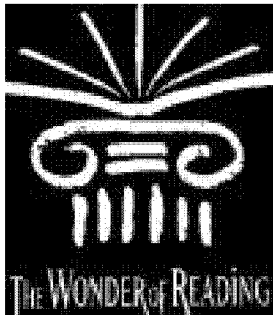
Special thanks to all our local polling place volunteers!



The Wonder of Reading: Richland Avenue Elementary Opens New Library, Recruits “Reading Partner” Volunteers

At Richland Avenue Elementary, dreams do come true! On Friday, November 4, the students and faculty at Richland Avenue Elementary, invites its North Westdale neighbors to a grand opening celebration for its new library, donated by the Wonder of Reading, a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring a love of reading in children. A reception will be held in the school auditorium at 9:45 a.m., followed by a program at 10:00 a.m.

With the opening of the new library, Richland Avenue Elementary is looking for “Reading Partner” volunteers. Reading partners read one-on-one with students who are struggling readers. Volunteers read with their students for one hour a week during school hours for the entire



year. Many volunteers have read with the same student for several years, making a tremendous impact on the child’s life. Become one of 1,400 volunteers at over 150 schools throughout Los Angeles to inspire a child with the love of reading.

A comprehensive three-hour training session will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at Richland Avenue Elementary from 8:45am to noon. For more information or to RSVP for the training session and become a reading partner, contact Ann Tell of Richland Avenue Elementary at (310) 473-0467. Richland Avenue Elementary is located at 11562 Richland Avenue.

You can also attend a training at one of the following areas, but be sure to tell them you are volunteering at Richland Avenue!

- Oct 31 Eshelman Elementary
25902 Eshelman Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717
- Nov 2 Mayflower Elementary
210 N. Mayflower Ave.
Monrovia, CA 91016
- Nov 7 Rowan Ave Elementary
600 S. Rowan Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90023

- Nov 8 Gledhill Elementary
16030 Gledhill St.
North Hills, CA 91343
- Nov 9 156th Street Elementary
2100 W. 156th St.
Gardena, CA 90249
- Nov 17 54th Street Elementary
5501 S. Eileen Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90043
- Jan 19 Dolores Street Elementary
22526 Dolores St.
Carson, CA 90745

To register for one of the above trainings, contact The Wonder of Reading at (310) 289-1201 or info@wonderofreading.org. You can also visit The Wonder of Reading website at wonderofreading.org.

Keeping Fido on a Short Leash

Pet owners may find it tempting to take Fido for a walk without a leash. However, Los Angeles does have a leash law that states dogs must be on a leash at all times when not confined to a residence or backyard.

The leash may not exceed 6 feet in length and must be held by an individual. Letting a dog run loose with a leash attached, but not held by an individual is a violation of the city’s leash law ordinance. Violation of

the ordinance may result in a fine of \$25 or more.

Of course all dogs enjoy a leash free romp in new places. Although, there are currently no dog parks in the West Los Angeles area, a dog park is currently under construction in Culver City. If you and your canine pal(s) are curious, contact Friends of the Culver City Dog Park at (310) 390-390-9114 or info@culvercitydogpark.org.



North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Pete Castro
1st Vice President	Sigita Blum
2nd Vice President	Jim Donaldson
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 Pete Castro at (310) 422-6170.

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

We're on the web!

www.northwestdale.com

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN) serves the community bounded by Centinela Avenue, National Boulevard, San Diego (405) Freeway and the Santa Monica (10) Freeway, 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.

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month (except in summer) at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on National & Federal. All neighbors are welcome to attend.

Crime Statistics: For Aug 24, 2005 through Sept 20, 2005

Aggravated Assaults (1)
Burglary/Theft from vehicle (19)
Robbery (6)
Burglary-Residential/Business (13)
Grand Theft Auto (8)
Homocide (0)
Sex (0)

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) continues to be a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. Never leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. It only tempts suspects to burglarize your vehicle. Do not leave your vehicle unsecured even if you are only making a quick dash into the convenience store. Attempt to park in well-lit areas away from larger vehicles that can be used for cover (SUV/truck/bus) by suspects as they burglarize your vehicle. If you observe a burglary in progress, be a good neighbor and call the police right away.

Safety Tip:

Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of newer cars) and store it in a

safe place. Keep your vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, NOT in your vehicle.

To report suspicious activity, contact: Senior Lead Officer, Craig White at (310) 622-3973.

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano at (310) 202-4525.