

# North Westdale News

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## Standing Room Only! Neighborhood Turns Out For Last Month's Airport Forum

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Concerned Residents Against Airport  
Pollution – (310) 479-2529

Over 200 people attended what proved to be our excellent forum reporting on the science of Santa Monica Airport air pollution. Three distinguished scientists spoke, followed by a full comment-and-question session. Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl moderated. In attendance were State Assemblyman Ted Lieu



and City Councilwoman Jan Perry who sits on the Air Quality Management District Board. Attendees left energized, and our political representatives understand why we turned out in large numbers. Stay involved with both the North Westdale Neighborhood Association at

[www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com) and  
Concerned Residents Against  
Airport Pollution at  
[www.jetairpollution.com](http://www.jetairpollution.com).

We expect to win back our clean air in 2010.



## Support Your Neighborhood!

Dues are used to cover operating costs - use of a meeting hall, website hosting, newsletter printing, as well as supporting initiates and organization's concerned to improve the neighborhood, sponsoring "Meet and Greet" event, and neighborhood garage sale.

Suggested donation starts at \$10 per household. If you have not paid the dues, please do so this month. You can give your donation to your block captain or mail it to NWNNA, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Thank you!  
Lillia Singer, Treasurer

## 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:



CHEVIOT HILLS REC CENTER  
2551 Motor Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
Contact: Spencer Krull, (310) 279-3086

Thursdays, 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 and 15

## SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

**Monday,  
Feb 8**

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

Upcoming  
Meetings  
(Second Monday  
of the Month):

Mar 8

Apr 12

May 10

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.



## From The President's Desk:

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well!

Our last neighborhood meeting was dedicated to the Santa Monica Airport pollution study, published by UCLA scientists. More than 160 neighbors showed up to learn more about the Ultra-Fine

Particles blown into our air from the jet airplane operations at Santa Monica Airport (SMO). Councilman Bill Rosendahl moderated the forum, which included a group of three scientists with varying experience and scientific study of the SMO. Councilwoman Jan Perry, Assemblyman Ted Lieu, representatives of Jane Harmon and Barbara Boxer, Kate Anderson and Marcie Winograd all attended the meeting.

It was very clear from the questions and remarks made by residents that frustration with the airport is at a high. The general feeling communicated is that our neighborhood is being ignored, and fighting the airport is perceived as hopeless.

The good news is that this is not the case. Councilman Bill Rosendahl, once again, made his clear his position that it is time for the airport to be shut down. At the end of the forum, Councilwoman Jan Perry announced she would lend her support to protect our neighborhood from further

harm.

In addition, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, whom we hosted the forum with, has been working tirelessly to build on the momentum of the UCLA study and the forum. Please keep the momentum alive by staying involved. If we expect our elected representatives to support us, we need to stand up and be heard. Waiting for someone else to get involved is not going to get the job done.

Please join us at our next meeting! If you would like to play a role in our neighborhood, please feel free to call me at 310-709-6431, email me at bahaa@netpayservices.com and/or come to our next meeting! I hope to see you there!

Your friend and neighbor,

*Bahaa*

Bahaa Mikhail  
President, NWNA

### MEETING AGENDA

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

## Monthly Farmers Market Report

Chocolate lovers are in for a treat at Chocovivo, a new vendor at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market. Chocovivo chocolates are made from whole beans which are stone-ground on a weekly basis. Their products contain no fillers, colors, soy lecithin, milk powder or additional cacao butter. When tasting their chocolates you can imagine how it was made centuries ago. Chocovivo offers a variety of chocolates. Patricia will help select the right ones for eating, baking or drinking.

If you've ever wondered how to prepare Thai broccoli, Chiuefuer Her of Central Valley Farm suggests the following simple recipe: steam the broccoli to the desired doneness; add a little lime juice and salt.

Valley Center Growers currently has both pink and white grapefruit, blood oranges, navel and Valencia oranges. They also have a pink navel: half blood orange and half navel orange. It has a nice sweet/tart flavor and a great color.

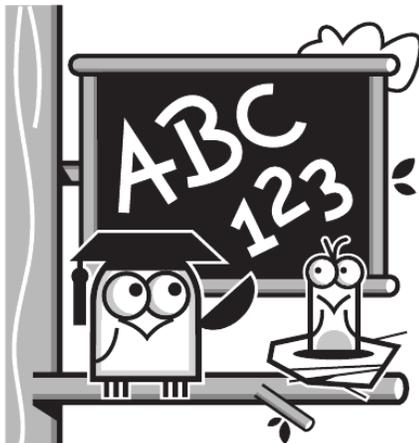


### Mar Vista Farmers Market

Every Sunday 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
Grand View at Venice Blvd.

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

### RICHLAND AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL *Kindergarten Round Up*



*January 28  
February 26  
March 26*

*9:00 am  
in the Library*

#### ***Come learn about Richland Ave Elementary!***

We are a Pre-K through 6th grade neighborhood school. Meet some of our teachers and parents as well as tour our school.

#### **We have alot to boost about...**

- 84 point growth in AYP over the last two years
- Dedicated teachers, staff and administration providing a high quality of education for your children
- Community oriented with a diverse group of students
- Free after school programs (STAR)
- Enrichment workshops for GATE (gifted) students
- Offer a rigorous 6th grade curriculum



#### **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.



## *Valentine's Dinner*

St. Andrew's Church  
(Federal Ave & National Blvd)

Friday, February 12  
7:00 p.m.

Not sure what to do with your special someone for Valentine's day? Want a fun evening for the whole family? Come over to St. Andrew's on the Friday before Valentine's for a fun night of great food and good company. We'll also be showing the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics!

## 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, February 22 for the March 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  
Drake Madison  
310-622-3972

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 11/01/09– 11/30/09:

Aggravated Assaults 1  
Burglary (Vehicle) 10  
Robbery 1  
Burglary (Res/Biz) 7  
Grand Theft Auto 4  
Homicide 0  
Sex 0

During this rating period

Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in our area. BFMV suspects gained entry to several of the vehicles via unsecured doors and windows. Lock and secure your vehicle anytime it is unattended. Never leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle, it only tempts BFMV suspects. Attempt to park in well lighted areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Turn your wheels sharply to the left or right and set the emergency brake when parking. This makes it harder for thieves

to tow your vehicle. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program, it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

### Safety Tip

Valet safety tips:

Leave the attendant your vehicle key only; remove home, work and other keys. Do not say where you are going or how long you will be away. Note your mileage when you leave your vehicle.



## 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!



### MVCC Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month

Mar Vista Rec Center, 11430 Woodbine

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 9 at 7 PM & Mar. 9 at 7 PM

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**COMING SOON: Elections for MVCC Board of Directors**

February 10, 2010 ~ Candidate Filing Period Ends

April 11, 2010 ~ ELECTION DAY!

COME VOTE from 10 AM - 4 PM at Mar Vista Rec Center

For more information email [info@marvista.org](mailto:info@marvista.org)

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**Visit us EVERY SUNDAY @ the Mar Vista Farmers' Market**

9 AM – 2 PM at the corner of Venice & Grand View

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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)

## Readers' Corner

What Books Are  
North Westdalers Reading?

From Lillia Singer-

*Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya  
Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells

*The Four Agreements (A  
Practical Guide to Personal  
Freedom)* by Don Miguel Ruiz

*A Thread of Grace* by Mary  
Doria Russell

*Tuesdays with Morrie (An old  
man, a young man, and life's  
greatest lesson)* by Mitch  
Albom



E-mail YOUR list to  
[bunigr1@gmail.com](mailto:bunigr1@gmail.com).