

North Westdale News

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Next Meeting, Come Meet & Greet:



BILL ROSEND AHL

L.A. City Councilmember

Join us as we hear directly from our City Councilman, Bill Rosendahl. Find out what our local government is doing to address important issues that impact you on a daily basis. Share your concerns and see what you can do to ensure our neighborhood remains a great place to live.

Q&A session to follow — please bring questions!

Light refreshments will be served.

About Councilman Rosendahl

- Has served as Los Angeles City Councilman since May 2005
- Represents the 11th District which includes the communities of Brentwood, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Marina del Rey, Pacific Palisades, Palms, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Venice, West LA, Westchester and North Westdale
- Is chair of the Public Works Committee (includes tree trimming, street repair, street lighting, street beautification and capital improvements).
- Is also vice-chair of the Commerce Committee and member of the Transportation Committee, Budget & Finance Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness.
- Focused on stopping expansion of LAX, promoting mass transit, enhancing public safety, curbing overdevelopment, standing up for tenants' rights and for affordable housing, seeking solutions to the problem of homelessness and giving our neighborhoods a greater voice in city decision-making.
- Resides in Mar Vista

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

Monday,
June 8

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Summer break is
almost here!
Therefore there will
be NO meetings in
July or August.

Our next meeting
will be Sept 14.

Meeting Agenda

1. Subcommittee Reports (Airport, Beautification, Crime, Outreach, Schools)
2. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl Presentation
3. Q&A with Bill Rosendahl

From The President's Desk:



Hello friends and neighbors!

To the dedicated group of neighbors who attend our neighborhood meetings I want to thank you from the bottom of my

heart for making my time as President so productive and enjoyable. We accomplished many great things together. Now I am very excited to welcome our new President, Bahaa Mikhail, and the Executive board of Bill Koontz, Lillia Singer, and Amy Levy. I also would like to thank Marty Rubin for all his tremendous progress and community work related to the SM

Airport and Steve Strull for his amazing work toward neighborhood security and police relations. You all have been just tremendous people to me and you have my sincerest thanks.

REMINDER: if you only come to ONE meeting a year, make this meeting the one! Please come support Nwana as we welcome Councilman Rosendahl.

Your friend and neighbor,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli



North Westdale Social Diners' Club

Love to eat? Join the club! Dine out, meet your neighbors and support a local restaurant!

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 1 at 7:00pm

Curry House

2130 S. Sawtelle Blvd #200
(2nd Floor)

Email bellagardendesign@att.net to RSVP and to sign up for the email notification list for

Welcome Aboard! 2009/10 Officers Elected

Last month's meeting included the important task of electing the next year's officers who will take over when we reconvene in September.

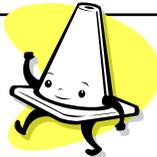
We are pleased to announce the following people were elected to next year's Board:

- Bahaa Mikhail, President
- Bill Koontz, Vice President
- Lilia Singer, Treasurer
- Amy Levy, Secretary

Please join us in thanking these neighbors for their service to our community!

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner

By: Bill Koontz



In light of the recent earthquakes that we have been feeling here in North Westdale, I would just like to take this time to remind everyone to check your Emergency supplies.

Make sure you have at least 1 gallon of water per person for at least a week, check to see if you have fresh batteries for your flashlights and some canned food stocked up, as well as first aid supplies and important documents on hand.

To see a more extensive list go to the cities website at www.lacity.org/emd and print out their checklist.



Upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Trainings

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. Visit www.cert-la.com for more dates and locations and general CERT information.

UCLA
School of Law, Room 1357
405 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90095
Wednesdays, 9am-11:30am
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12
Contact: Catherine Gonzales
(310) 206-3322

Good Neighbor Tip of the Month

Looking Out for Our Elders

By: Dawn Mills
NANA Neighbor and Geriatric Case
Manager

We have a wonderful mix of young and old in this neighborhood. Sometimes an older neighbor might be in need of help. Here are some signs to look for:

- Home or yard not being cared for
- Mail or newspapers piling up
- Loss of weight
- Ungroomed and/or wears the same clothes

- Appears confused
- Old food or lack of food in the refrigerator
- Pet not being cared for
- Isolation

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Introduce yourself and maybe offer your phone number if they need something
- Offer to pick up some groceries
- Just visit and talk from time to time

- Just do whatever you can, sometimes small gestures can help in many ways



If you feel your neighbor is in dire need of help, call the Elder Abuse Hotline at Adult Protective Services. They can take an anonymous report of neglect and will follow up with the neighbor to investigate if assistance is needed. The phone number for the Elder Abuse Hotline is (877) 477-3646

2nd Annual **St. Andrew's Spring Fair**

Saturday, May 30

Clarkson Ave & Federal Ave

Fun for the whole family!

Come on out for a great day of food, music and community! White Elephant, book and bake sale all morning! Learn about the different clubs and groups that meet in our neighborhood at St. Andrew's!

8:00 am Pancake Breakfast (until 9:30am)

11:30 am BBQ (Boy Scout Troop 1)

12:15 pm Live Choral & Classical Music Program

A portion of the day's proceeds will go to help Westside Food Bank.



Summer Fun — Just for Kids!

Discovery Canyon

Vacation Bible School

at

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

(Clarkson & Federal Aves)

June 22 thru June 26

8:45am-1:00pm

(before and after childcare also available)

\$50/child

(\$5 discount for siblings)

Meet new friends, sing songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks and learn stories about Jesus! Ages 4-Years through 5th Grade.

Call Cathy at (310) 477-0257 to sign up!

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
Vice President	Bahaa Mikhail
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 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 bunigril@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is Monday, August 31, 2009 for the September 2009 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

**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.



BLOCK CAPTAIN OPENINGS

2600 and 2800 Armacost
2500 Barry
2700-2800 Berkshire
2700-2800 Barrington
2400 Bundy
2700-2800 Coolidge
2700 Ceilhunt (east side)
12100 Clarkson
2400-2800 Stoner
2400, 2600-2800 Granville

Help keep our neighborhood informed and connected —please volunteer to be a block captain! Time commitment is just 15-30 minutes a month (basically the time it takes to pass out the newsletter)! You do not have to live on the block you are block captain for. Call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acpartners.com for more information.



56th Annual Garden Show & Plant Sale

Saturday, June 27, 12pm-4pm
Sunday, June 28, 10am-4pm

Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Avenue
(at Culver Boulevard)

Sponsored by
The Culver City Garden Club

Activities include:
Professional judged exhibition of
homegrown plants, flowers and vegetables
Club plant sale (priced for today's
economy!)
Raffle featuring merchandise and gift
certificates donated by local merchants and
vendors
Garden supply and plant vendors

Admission and parking are FREE!



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 3/1/09 - 3/30/09:

Aggravated Assaults 0
Burglary (Vehicle) 11
Robbery 5
Burglary (Res/Biz) 114
Grand Theft Auto 5
Homicide 0
Sex 0

During this rating period
Burglary (Residential/

Business) has continued to be a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. Crime this period increased in several categories across the board. Lock and secure all doors and windows whenever you leave your home. Install sensor lights all around your property. Burglary suspects detest lights for fear of being seen committing their crime. Leave a light or television on to give the impression that someone is home. 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.

Safety Tip

Neighborhood Watch safety tips:

Get to know your neighbors and discuss your concerns and ideas to improve security in your neighborhood. Join or start a neighborhood Watch program as a method of organizing a network of people interested in working together to improve neighborhood security.