

North Westdale News

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Next Meeting, Come Meet & Greet:



BILL ROSENDAHL

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 14**

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

**NO MEETINGS
IN JULY AND
AUGUST!**

Upcoming
Meetings:

**September 13
October 11
November 8**

Agenda

1. President's Report
2. VP's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Subcommittee Reports
5. Guest Speaker:
City Councilman
Bill Rosendahl

New Board Elected Officers Will Serve 2010/11

Congratulations to the following neighbors who were elected at the May meeting to serve as officers for the 2010-11 year:

President: Bahaa Mikhail

Vice-President: Bill Koontz

Treasurer: Lillia Singer

Secretary: Audrey O'Donnell

Thank you for your votes and thank you to the new board for your service!

Congratulations also to Bill Koontz and Laura Bodensteiner who were both elected to the Mar Vista Community Council. Bill will be serving as Zone 2 Director (the zone that includes North Westdale) and 2nd Vice Chair. Laura will be serving as At-large Director and Secretary. We know you'll both represent the interests of our neighborhood well. Thanks Bill and Laura!

COME READ WITH US! NORTH WESTDALE BOOK CLUB



You can "join" the club on a book per book basis. So, if you are interested to read and discuss one or more of the selected books, please reply to Lillia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net or call 310-444-0687.

The reading selections for upcoming book club meetings are:

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE
DOG IN THE NIGHT TIME
by Mark Hadden

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

THEIR EYES WERE
WATCHING GOD
by Zora Neale Hurston

**Tuesday, August 17 or 24
(TBD)**

THE SHUT MOUTH SOCIETY
by James D. Best

Tuesday, September 2, 2010

A HOUSE FOR MR. BISWAS
by V.S. Naipaul

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

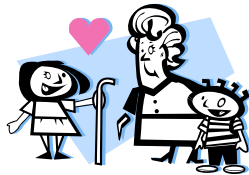
THE MUSEUM OF
ETERNA'S NOVEL
by MacEdonio Fernandez,
Margaret Schwartz,
and Adam Thirlwell

Staying In Mar Vista For Your 50 And Better Years

By: Julia Kwei

A group of neighbors in the Mar Vista area has been volunteering for over a year and a half to develop an exciting new service for the community. This concept was modeled after a successful, eight-year old project in Boston, called "Beacon Hill Village." The premise for this grassroots concept is based on reliable research that shows that older adults prefer to stay in their own homes as they age, rather than relocating to a retirement community, assisted living or long-term care facility.

The "Village" concept has been gaining momentum with 106 currently active, distinct Village



communities across the U.S. Providing services in-home and promoting socialization, the Village model serves as a cost-effective alternative to retirement communities or assisted living facilities. Governed by community members, the Village is fully resident-driven, offering services that members want and need to maintain and improve their quality of life, with the ability to continue residing in their homes. In a number of villages, adult children purchase memberships for their parents.

A group of Mar Vista area residents are working together with WISE & Healthy Aging to develop a membership-based program called "Mar Vista WISE Connections" for

residents age 50 and older that will offer social, educational, health and recreational programs, with coordinated "vetted" vendor resources at discounted fees. If you are 50 or older, and reside in the Mar Vista area, a detailed needs assessment survey is being circulated in your community to gather feedback on the needs of those in Mar Vista. Please take the time to fill out this survey which can also be found online at www.wiseandhealthyaging.org. All responses will be kept completely confidential and the results will only be presented in summary form.

For more information, questions, or a survey to be mailed to you, please contact Julia at (310) 394-9871 ext. 436 or jkwei@wiseandhealthyaging.org.

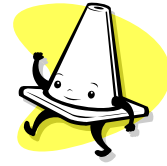


SAVE THE DATE!

6th Annual North Westdale
MEGA Garage Sale
Saturday, October 30

We're giving you plenty of warning! So this summer clean out your garage and your attic and get ready for the Sanelli Family's favorite neighborhood event of the year!

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

As the number of break ins on the Westside rises, remember to lock your doors and windows, even if you leave just for a minute. **Houses with dogs are no exception.**

MAILBOX ALERT

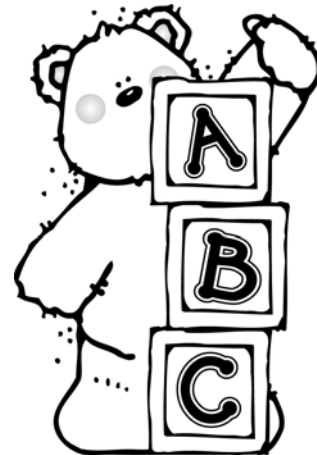
Recently, some neighbors have had outgoing mail (bill payments) stolen from their mailboxes. Identity thieves can use information from your bills and bill payments, so keep an eye on those mailboxes if you put sensitive information in them. Neighbors, please watch for strangers in the neighborhood, and if you see them looking in mailboxes or taking things from mailboxes, report this to the police immediately! Call 1-877-275-5273.

Richland Avenue Elementary School

Transitional Kindergarten Program

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2010-2011!

- Designed for children who turn five years of age before Dec 2nd 2010.
- A creative and challenging program for children who would benefit from additional time before entering Kindergarten.
- Emphasis is on first hand experience and discovery through individual involvement.
- Provides exposure to Kindergarten standards.
- At the end of the program, student enters a traditional Kindergarten program.
- Full-day program.



Facts about Richland Avenue

◇ Richland is a Pre-K through 6th neighborhood school with a strong sense of community and pride. ◇ Faculty is dedicated to academic excellence. ◇ CST Test scores increased 44 points last year. ◇ Credentialed Arts Teachers provide instruction in theatre, dance, fine art and music. ◇ STAR after-school enrichment program is available to students in grades K - 6th for FREE.

Call today to request an enrollment packet — (310) 473-0467

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.

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

Deadline for the next issue is Monday, Aug 30 for the Sept 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.



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 4/01/10– 4/30/10:

Aggravated Assaults 1
Burglary (Vehicle) 20
Robbery 5
Burglary (Res/Biz) 8
Grand Theft Auto 6
Homicide 0
Sex 0
Theft 12

During this rating period Robbery (Street) has become a problem in 14A25 area. This period we reduced crime in several

areas but it also increased in street muggings. Street muggings are robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken through force or fear. Robbers rely on surprise, force and quickness. That is why it pays to be aware of what is going on around you. Do not walk alone if possible at night, stay on well-lit well traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts such as parks, alleys and closed schoolyards. During the night, walk in the middle of the sidewalk, it gives you extra time to react if someone attempts to grab you from hiding places. 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

Roadside Robberies safety tips:

Roadside robberies usually occur when an unsuspecting driver pulls off the road to render help to a stranded motorist. Do not stop, call for help for the stranded motorist, CHP, AAA, etc.

Mar Vista Block Captains Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 7pm. 3838 Centinela Ave.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

Summer months mean a bounty of stone fruits and an abundance of vegetables. The first crop of peaches, plums and nectarines are already available at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. Watch for their sweetness to increase over the warmer months to come.

Cherries such as the Ranier variety are now in season. Bing cherries will be available in a few weeks through the end of June or early July.

Kurt of K&K Farm expects to have the following varieties of stone fruit available during the summer: fire pearl white nectarines, Earlich yellow peaches, Angeleno plums, black amber plums, crimson glow pluots, ice princess white peaches and snow king white peaches. Be sure to visit K&K Farm as well as the other vendors to find your favorite varieties.

Also coming to the market in the next months are: heirloom tomatoes, eggplants, long beans, green beans, bell peppers of all colors, and watermelon.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Grand View at Venice Blvd.
marvistafarmersmarket.org

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!