

North Westdale News

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Santa Monica Airport Update NWNNA Adopts Position on Santa Monica Airport Safety

At last month's North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA) meeting, we discussed taking an official position on safety at Santa Monica Airport. The result was the NWNNA has adopted the following:

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association contends that:

- Santa Monica Airport sits in the midst of densely populated communities.
- Santa Monica Airport does not have buffer zones.
- Santa Monica Airport's Runway is located approximately 220 feet (two hundred twenty feet) from our residential community.
- Santa Monica Airport does not have sufficient Runway Safety Areas.
- Santa Monica Airport neighbors are inundated with jet kerosene fumes on a daily basis.
- Santa Monica Airport's users frequently deviate from flying directly over official noise monitors resulting in inaccurate noise level readings.
- Santa Monica Airport's jet operations have significantly compromised the health, safety, and quality of life for thousands of neighboring residents and members of the surrounding communities.

NWNNA is in support of: installation of Runway Safety Areas (RSAs) on the existing runways of the Santa Monica Airport -- by

establishing both landing and departure displaced thresholds of a minimum of 600 feet (six hundred feet) on each end of the existing runways -- without Engineered Mass Arresting System (EMAS). In addition, limitations on aircraft use of Santa Monica Airport should be based on aircraft type, speed, weight, and weather conditions, and not on pilot discretion.

NWNNA is in support of California legislation that will address community quality of life and health risk concerns from the increase in noise, odors and air pollution due to the jet operations at Santa Monica Airport.

Thanks to all the neighbors who came out to support Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution's Santa Monica Airport demonstration. The event was covered in a number of news outlets. If you could not make it out, you can still express your support by writing to a local newspaper:

Los Angeles Times
letters@latimes.com

Santa Monica Mirror
omhome@smmirror.com

Argonaut
CarolHector@aol.com
("Letter to the Editor" in the subject line)

Santa Monica Daily Press
Editor@SMDP.com

Los Angeles City Beat
editor@lacitybeat.com

The LookOut News --
mail@surfsantamonica.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Next North
Westdale
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting

Monday,
May 14

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

AGENDA

1. Santa Monica Airport
2. Subcommittee Updates
3. Annual Mtg
4. New Business

Other Upcoming
Meeting Dates:

May 14

June 11

See You There!

From The President's Desk:



Dear North Westdale Neighbors:

It is very exciting to see all the activity and changes happening in our neighborhood! The Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution staged a hugely successful protest, community meeting and march at the airport recently, garnering much attention from the media and lawmakers. In addition, there is a lot of activity dealing with our Assemblyman, Ted Lieu, who is sponsoring legislation to further testing on jet fumes and emissions. The Friends of Sunset

Park area also very vocal and proactive- there sure is a lot going on!

In addition, we are having a change over of Patrol Captain. Our point officer was Craig White, but starting immediately is Captain Eisenberg. He has been invited and will most likely be at our next community meeting, so please come attend and say hello! Its a good thing too, because we have had some vandalism, graffitti, as well as questionable narcotics activity near the Daniel Webster school. Fortunately, our neighborhood has a strong network of communication and activism, so we're already seeing a positive change in all these areas, and will most likely not be a concern in the near future.

This is the important point: we must continue to work together as a unified neighborhood. We must break down barriers, open up communication, and find commonalities to strengthen our numbers around. It is all happening and I am very proud of all the neighbors I see getting involved. Why don't you join in and come visit us at our next meeting, even if just to say hello and introduce yourself? You'll be glad you did... see you there! Monday the 14th, 7pm, St. Andrews Church!

Sincerely,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli
President, NWNA

North Westdale Neighborhood Classifieds

For Neighbors — By Neighbors

Violin Lessons

With Neil Donner,
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(310) 477-6462



23 years in North Westdale. Children (from age 4) and adults welcome. Beginner to Intermediate.



Mortgage Loans

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Vandalism Report

Two vandalism incidents occurred recently in our area near National Boulevard and Butler Avenue. There was an exploding can of paint thrown against a house and also door locks sealed with an adhesive glue at a neighboring residence. The LAPD have been notified and we ask neighbors to keep their eyes open for suspicious activity. Any activity you feel is worth reporting please contact the LAPD if necessary, and any and all unusual activity to NWNA President Tony Sanelli at (310) 702-4208 and tsanelli@acfpartners.com.



Aiport Park Opens With Controversy

The new 8-acre park right here at the Santa Monica Airport features athletic fields, play areas, barbeque grills, picnic tables, as well as a Dog Park. Controversy is brewing in that the off-leash area for dogs is restricted to Santa Monica residents only, which has nearby Mar Vista and North Westdale neighbors fuming.

Shouldn't we all have access to our backyard dog park? If you would like a list of email contacts to voice your concern (Santa Monica City Council, Mar Vista Community Council, and Councilmember Bill Rosendahl) please email a request to Tony Sanelli at tsanelli@acfpartners.com.

Safety Tip

LOITERING IN ALLEYS: To curb loitering in alleys, make the alley behind your home less inviting. Reduce places for loiterers to hide by waiting until the night before trash pickup to put out your containers. Bring the containers back after trash pick up. If you have bulky items to dispose of contact the City's Bureau of Sanitation 1-800-773-2489 for instructions. Trim any trees, shrubs, vines, etc. that may be growing out into the alley. If you notice any suspicious person(s) and/or activities, contact the LAPD.

Remember in an emergency call 911.

ONE CALL TO CITY HALL — 311: 311 is an easy to remember, citywide toll-free number that provides immediate access to information and more than 1,600 city non-emergency services. Calls are answered 24-hours a day, 365 days a year by 3-1-1 agents who are trained to provide information and refer call for service to the correct city agency — THE FIRST TIME.

Richland Avenue Elementary Update Lend a Hand to Improve Your Local School

This month we are sharing three opportunities to help out at Richland Avenue Elementary. Our local elementary school is working hard to provide neighborhood students with an enriching learning environment and we neighbors can be part of making that happen!

Computer Lab Upgrade

Help Richland Avenue Elementary upgrade its sadly outdated computer equipment! The school has received a \$12,000 grant through the Riordan Foundation to purchase 15 laptop computers to use as a traveling computer lab. The lab will be

portable so that it can be moved from classroom to classroom and benefit a greater number of students.

The grant requires that the school match the funds by raising an equivalent amount. If you would like to contribute to the school's fundraising efforts, please contact Richland Avenue Elementary at (310) 473-0467. All monies donated are tax deductible.

Garden Upgrade

Calling all neighbors in construction! The school garden needs to have a large path cleaned up and covered with weed cover and decomposed granite. If you or your company would like to bid on the

job, please contact the school at (310) 473-0467 for all the details

Schools Rule

Through Tuesday, May 15

Don't forget to bring your Westside Pavilion and Santa Monica Place Mall receipts to the customer service desk for Richland Avenue Elementary!



North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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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 bunigr1@gmail.com.

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 CAPTAINS UPDATE

Correction to last month's block captain's update (sorry your dear editor struggles sometimes!):

Elliot Derzaph (2400-2500 Westgate, WESTside)
Jason Brukhalter (2400-2500 Westgate, EASTside)

Bob Reisbaum (2500 Federal)

We still need block captains for the following areas:

12100 and 12000 Clarkson
2600, 2700 and 2800 Barrington
2600 and 2800 Armacost
2700 and 2800 Burkshire
2400 Bundy
2500 Barry

To volunteer, please contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acpartners.com.

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL Board of Director Positions Open

WORK AS A MVCC DIRECTOR TO

Help maintain the quality of life in Mar Vista
Keep neighbors informed about issues affecting our neighborhood

Build relations between Mar Vista and city government
Advocate for our neighborhoods on issues of importance

WHO CAN RUN?

Candidates must be Mar Vista stakeholders — someone who works, lives or owns property in Mar Vista and is 18 years of age or older.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.MARVISTA.ORG