

North Westdale News

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Annual Board Elections Vote At The Next Meeting!

This month Nwana will be holding its annual election of board members. The following people were nominated at last month's meeting:



President: Bahaa Mikhail
Vice-President: Bill Koontz
Treasurer: Lillia Singer
Secretary: Audrey

Before voting, the floor will be open to additional nominations. Come to the meeting and have your vote counted!

Dining Club is Back! Set Your Tummy for May 24

Join us for another culinary adventure right in our own backyards (well, not literally, but that would be an interesting too don't you think?) Mark your calendars for May 24. Place to be determined. If you are not on the Yahoo group list or have not attended dinners with us in the past, please contact Lillia Singer and let her know the best way to contact you. Lillia can be reached at bellagardendesign@att.net or (310) 444-0687.



SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

**Monday,
May 10**

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

Upcoming
Meetings
(Second Monday
of the Month):

Jun 14

(summer break)

Sep 13

Oct 11

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.



St. Andrew's/North Westdale Neighborhood Association

2010 Spring Fling Saturday, May 8 at St. Andrew's (corner of Federal and Clarkson)

7 - 9 AM	Pancake Breakfast hosted by BSA Troop 1
7 - 11 AM	Bake Sale
8:30 - 10 AM and 11 AM - 1 PM	Craft Corner - Make a gift for Mother's Day (\$.50 charge)
10:30 AM and 1 PM	Rhythm Circle - Take part in a fun musical activity for all!
11 AM - 1 PM	Lunch - BBQ hosted by BSA Troop 1
1:30 PM	Gift Basket Raffle and Obstacle Course

Everyone is welcome to come out for a fun day of community!

Support Your Neighborhood!

I would like to thank all of you who sent in your contribution. So far we've collected the least amount than we have in the last 4 years. The dues pay our minimal operating costs - use of a meeting hall, website hosting, newsletter printing, as well as supporting initiatives and organization's concerned to improve the neighborhood.

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 Nwana, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Thank you!

Lillia Singer, Treasurer



The School Report: News & Events at Richland Avenue Elementary

INT'L FESTIVAL JUNE 5

Don't miss Richland's annual International Festival on June 5! There will be music, dancing, food and fun — plus lots of goodies to bid on in the silent auction. See the flyer to the right for more info.

RICHLAND-CSA PROGRAM

Just \$20 a box and oh-so-good for you! Conveniently delivered to our neighborhood every other week by the South Central Farmer's Cooperative. For each box sold, Richland earns \$5 to go toward the Learning Garden. To order, contact Debi Huang,



tdj2004@gmail.com or 310/963-2344.

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.

BOOK CLUB: READERS WANTED!

Do you like to read and bounce your "reviews" on sympathetic ears? Then call or email me. I hope we'll get 4-6 people who would like to participate.

Lillia Singer, bellagardendesign@att.net

(310) 444-0687



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!

News From the Mar Vista Community Council

By: Laura Bodensteiner

April was a busy month for the Mar Vista Community Council! The MVCC elections were held on Sunday, April 11th. All 13 seats were up for election: 6 at-large directors, 6 zone directors and 1 community director. According to the City Clerk's office, 577 stakeholders participated in the election. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote! The newly elected MVCC board will serve a 2-year term. The Installation Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 11th, at the Mar Vista Park Auditorium (11430 Woodbine Ave). Councilman Bill Rosendahl will be in attendance to administer the swearing in ceremony. Please visit the

revamped MVCC web site www.marvista.org for meeting agendas, minutes and upcoming events!

2010-2012 MVCC Board of Directors

Zone 1: Babak Nahid

Zone 2: Bill Koontz

Zone 3: Kate Anderson

Zone 4: Tara Mulski

Zone 5: Maritza Przekop

Zone 6: Marilyn Marble

Community Director: Alex Thompson

Directors-At-Large: Laura Bodensteiner, Sharon Commins, Geoff Forgione, Albert Olson, Chuck Ray, Bill Scheduling

The MVCC Green Committee hosted the 2nd Annual Mar Vista

Green Garden Showcase on Sunday, April 25th. Nearly 80 Mar Vista sustainable and edible gardens were open for viewing. Hundreds of visitors learned about everything from removing lawns to installing rain barrels. You can still visit the gardens online at www.MarVistaGreenGardenShowcase.com. You can also visit the Mar Vista Green Committee every week at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market. The committee holds a monthly meeting on the 4th Sunday of every month at the Farmers' Market.

Please e-mail Laura if you have any questions about the MVCC: laura@marvista.org. NWNA is in Zone 2 of the Mar Vista Community Council.

Come to Richland Avenue's International Festival Silent Auction & Talent Show



Saturday, June 5

11:00am-3:00pm



Richland Talent

STAR RockSTAR Band

Festival Fun!

STAR Dancers

Richland Avenue School

11562 Richland Avenue

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, May 31 for the June 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 2/01/10– 2/28/10:

- Aggravated Assaults 1
- Burglary (Vehicle) 5
- Robbery 2
- Burglary (Res/Biz) 4
- Grand Theft Auto 5
- Homicide 0
- Sex 0
- Theft 12

During this rating period Theft has become a problem in 14A25 area. In the majority of the incidents the items of value were left unprotected. Theft is defined as the unlawful taking of others property. To avoid thefts we must protect our property by securing them. All bikes left outside should be secured with a lock and sturdy chain. Avoid leaving items of value in plain sight. Lock and secure all garages and storage bins as you would your home. 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

Driving safety tips:

Travel on busy, well-lighted streets. Keep your vehicle in good running order and avoid being stranded in remote places. Drive with all vehicle doors locked and keep your windows rolled up as much as possible.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

May is a glorious month at the farmers market. Spring crops appear in the stalls, bright with color and abundantly displayed. You'll find zucchini and other variously shaped squashes, fennel with its feathery leaves, and long stalks of leek. The colors of chard range from yellow to orange, magenta to ruby red.

Maggie's Farm from Agoura Hills has green garlic, a younger form of regular garlic before it has begun forming cloves. The entire bulb can be used and won't result in garlic breath. They also carry Tuscan blue rosemary with its long straight stalks-great to use as skewers. Their feathery ruby streak mustard leaves give beauty and a peppery taste to a salad.

Gloria will be carrying sweet corn and tomatoes this month. Along with her Camarosa and Gaviota strawberries and the Albion strawberries of Gutierrez Farm, don't pass up the great selection of fruits and vegetables you'll find at the farmers market this month.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

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! To learn more about CERT, visit www.cert-la.com.



WESTWOOD VILLAGE SYNAGOGUE
1148 Westwood Blvd, 2nd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Contact: Linda Torio, (310) 206-7342

Tuesdays, 9:00am to 12:00pm
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8

CENTURY PLAZA TOWERS
2049 Century Park East, Conf Room B
Los Angeles, CA 90067
Contact: David Lambert, (310) 226-7442

Tuesdays, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8