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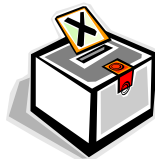
MAY 2011

Annual Board Elections This Month To Vote Attend The May 9 Meeting

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

President: Bill Koontz

Vice-President: John Kuchta



Treasurer: Wayne Matsuyama

Secretary: Audrey O'Donnell

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

Richland Avenue Elementary School Report: Annual Int'l Fest and Silent Auction!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION, FRI MAY 27

Come enjoy this annual event! The students of Richland will celebrate the diversity of their school with a talent show. A silent auction fundraiser will also be held to raise support for school improvements and programs.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

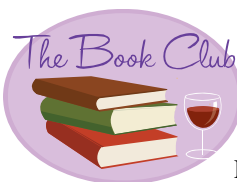
And don't forget these simple ways to support our local public school:

- Richland Avenue CSA Program! Fresh organic produce delivered to the neighborhood every other Wednesday for just \$25 per box. Contact Debi Huang at tj2004@gmail.com or (310) 963-2344 to sign up.
- The School Cents Program is back at the Westside Pavilion.

- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, Albertson's, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program.
- Help minimize the effect of LAUSD budget cuts with a donation to the Richland United Giving Campaign. Funds raised will go directly to help restore positions and programs lost to budget cuts. Make checks payable to Richland Booster Club. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by US tax laws.

Contact the school office at (310) 473-0467 for more info on any of these programs.

NWNA Book Club Meeting: May 17 at 7pm



This month's book selection is *Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* by Gabrielle Hamilton.

We'll be meeting at the Whole Foods Community Room on Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm to discuss. Join us for discussion!

For more information about the book club, contact Lillia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

May 9: Monthly NWNA Meeting. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

May 17: Special Primary Election for U.S. Congress, 36th District. Don't forget to vote!

May 17: NWNA Book Club meets to discuss *Blood, Bones & Butter* by Gabrielle Hamilton. 7pm at Whole Foods Community Room.

May 27: Richland Avenue Elementary International Festival and Silent Auction. 1:30pm at Richland Avenue Elementary.

Jun 13: Monthly NWNA Meeting and Annual Elections. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST!

If you have a neighborhood event or club meeting to add, please send details to Vicki Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com.

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

Officer Madison has informed me there has been a slight increase in burglaries in the neighborhood. Again, please lock all of your doors and windows when you leave and be aware of strange people sitting in their cars. If you see suspicious people please call 1-877-ask-lapd and tell them your Senior Lead Officer told you to call it in.

Keep an Eye on Our Neighborhood!
To Report Suspicious Activity,
Please Call
1-877-ASK-LAPD
(1-800-275-5273)

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!

Monthly Farmers Market Report

With spring weather you'll see produce at the farmers market moving away from winter greens. At Capay Organic Farms there's new asparagus, spinach, radishes, and early spring potatoes. The asparagus is particularly tender with even the thicker stems being tender and edible. In the coming weeks Nantes carrots will make their appearance: small and crooked and very sweet.

Central Valley Farm recommends their zucchini, carrots, yam leaves and bitter melon leaves. Several vendors are carrying fresh English peas ready for cooking. Here's a partial list from JR Organics: sorrel, dandelion greens, dill, mizuna, mustard leaves. Look for their lemon cucumbers, broccolini and pickling cucumbers in the coming weeks.

With strawberries bountiful, looking delicious and at their sweetest, Larry from JR Organics explained that as the weather warms past 75 degrees, growing strawberries requires more consistent watering and production decreases. So enjoy them in May while looking forward later this month to summer's stone fruits, more tomato varieties, including heirloom tomatoes, and sweet white corn.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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



Police Report

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Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Merlo
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 3/1/11 - 3/31/11:

Aggravated Assaults 0
Burglary (Vehicle) 12
Robbery 3
Burglary (Res/Biz) 7
Grand Theft Auto 1

Homicide 0
Sex 1
Theft 11

Get the latest on crime and LAPD activities directly from Officer Drake Madison at the monthly

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bahaa Mikhail
Vice President	Bill Koontz
Treasurer	Lillia Singer
Secretary	Audrey O'Donnell
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 bunigrrl@gmail.com.

Deadline for the May issue is Monday, May 30, 2011.

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.

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www.northwestdale.com

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA>
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