

North Westdale News

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Support Your Neighborhood, Please Pay Dues This Month!



Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household

The dues pay our minimal operating costs - use of a meeting hall, website hosting, newsletter printing, as well as supporting initiatives and organizations concerned with improving the neighborhood (like this month's neighborhood garage sale!).

Suggested donation starts at \$10 per household. You can give your donation to your block captain or mail it to Nwana, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

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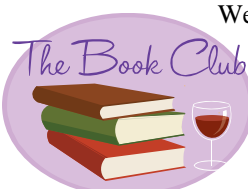
LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!



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

Time to clean out those closets and reorganize the garage as we get ready for this year's MEGA Garage Sale! NWNA will organize advertising and signage. All you have to do is put your sale items out in your front yard! It's a fun way to clear out the clutter and also make a little money. To participate, contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or via email tony@sanellimortgage.com before October 23.

Don't have enough stuff to fill your yard? You can rent a table at St. Andrew's Church for \$25. Bonus: Easy access to the St. Andrew's Bake Sale! Contact Cathy at St. Andrew's at (310) 477-0257 to reserve a spot.



We meet on the third Tues of the month, but will be dark in December. Reading selections for:

- Oct 19, 2010: Arctic Dreams by Barry Lopez
- Nov 16, 2010: Paved with Good Intentions by C.S. Lewis
- Jan 17, 2011: The Way of the Flesh by Samuel Butler

Want to join our spirited group? Email Lillia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Oct 9-10:** St. Andrew's 60th Anniversary Celebration.
- Oct 11:** Monthly NWNA Meeting.
- Oct 16:** Mar Vista Community Fall Festival. 10am-4pm at Mar Vista Park.
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- Oct 17:** Garden BBQ at Richland Avenue Elementary. 12pm.
- Oct 21:** Airport Forum w/ Santa Monica City Council Candidates at SM Main Library.
- Oct 26:** Mar Vista WISE Connections Living Room Chat. 7pm. See page 2.
- Oct 30:** NWNA Annual Mega Garage Sale. 8am-1pm various locations throughout North Westdale.
- Oct 30:** Richland Avenue Elementary Scare Fair at Richland.
- Nov 8:** Monthly NWNA Meeting.



From The President's Desk:

Dear North Westdale Neighbors,

At our last monthly meeting, Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison attended our last meeting and spoke to us about the recent home robberies in our neighborhood. He made it very clear there would be extra patrols in our area and that the LAPD have already and will continue to prioritize the safety of neighborhood.

Also at the meeting, we decided to formally create a Neighborhood Watch Program. Our first meeting was held October 4th, and it is our intention to meet on a quarterly basis while communicating via email and at our regular monthly meetings. Our immediate goal is to focus on the streets most affected by these crimes while implementing a policy we can duplicate throughout the neighborhood.

I believe we are off to a pretty promising start with the Neighborhood Watch Program, however we need all the help we can get. I would also like to begin working on a neighborhood-wide Emergency Preparedness Program. If you are interested in either of these two important community issues, please call or email me at my contact information listed below.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. We can and will respond to our community

needs! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 310-709-6431 or email me at bahaa@netpayservices.com.

Your friend and neighbor,,

Bahaa

Bahaa Mikhail
President, NWNA

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA 10/11/10

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Treasurer
33. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget
 - b. Block Captains
 - c. Safety
 - d. Richland
 - e. Outreach
 - f. Airport
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Santa Monica City Council Candidate Forum on Santa Monica Airport Issues

Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm
 Santa Monica Main Library Multipurpose Room
 (601 Santa Monica Blvd - underground parking entrance on 7th Street)

Presented by Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution. Free to the public. For further information, contact Martin Rubin at (310) 479-2529 or martinrubin@earthlink.net or www.JetAirPollution.com.

Mar Vista WISE Connections Schedules Neighborhood Chats

By: Lori Gilder

Mar Vista WISE

Connections is a membership-based virtual community modeled off of the Boston Beacon Hill "village" concept that helps support older adults to age in place and provides services that promote convenience, peace of mind and social connectivity for all of Mar Vista's older adult community, ages 50 and better.

Your neighbors, along with

WISE and Healthy Aging, have been making great progress on bringing Mar Vista WISE Connections to fruition. However, we could use your help as we near launch this fall!

We have scheduled "Living Room Chats" for October 6 and October 26, from 7 to 8:30PM all in different homes in Mar Vista. At these events we will provide a space to brainstorm about how Mar Vista WISE Connections can best serve

our residents and learn more about your needs as you age.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Julia Kwei at WISE & Healthy Aging via phone at 310-394-9871 ext. 436 or via email at jkwei@wiseandhealthyaging.org for more details on the locations. Please also feel free to visit our website for more information at www.wiseconnections.net

The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

NEW API SCORE = 797!

Congratulations to Richland Avenue Elementary! Once again, our neighborhood school's scores are on the rise. We're very proud of our little school's continuing improvement. Richland is great asset to our neighborhood!

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Following is a list of the many simple ways you can support our local elementary school. Please help if you can!

- Richland Avenue CSA Program. Just \$20 per box of organic fruits and vegetables. To order contact Debi Huang at

tdj2004@gmail.com or (310) 963-2344.

- The School Cents Program is back at the Westside Pavilion! For every purchase you make at the Westside Pavilion, our elementary school can earn points and possibly win up to \$3000! Take your receipts to the Customer Service Desk (2nd Floor) and ask them to credit Richland Avenue Elementary.
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops for Education and Capri Sun Juice Bags. Turn in to the school office or bring to the next NWNA meeting.
- Sign up your grocery store club

cards (follow procedures on their websites), including Ralph's, 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 office at (310) 473-0467 for more info.

Richland Avenue
Spooky Fair
SATURDAY OCTOBER 30
1:00-5:00pm
11562 RICHLAND AVE

Additional Haunted House Hours:
 Sat Oct 23, 5-10pm
 Sun Oct 24, 5-9pm
 Th Oct 28, 5-9pm
 Fri Oct 29, 5-10pm
 Sat Oct 30, 5-10pm
 Sun Oct 31, 5-10pm

Get Social! Neighborhood Activities

Saint Andrew's Church
60th Anniversary

Saturday, October 9
7pm Hors D'oeuvres
8pm Concert

Sunday, October 10
10am Worship
1pm Celebratory Feast

Celebrate six decades of community and ministry in North Westdale. For more information, call the church at (310) 477-0257.

Mar Vista Community
Fall Festival

Saturday, October 16
10am to 4pm
Mar Vista Park



Live entertainment, sports demos, giant slides and bouncers, art show, games, arts and crafts, silent auction, face painting and much, much more.

Garden Barbeque

Sunday, October 17
12pm
Richland Avenue
Elementary Garden
(enter through
Brookhaven Gate)

Join Westlight Community Church and Richland School in Richland's Learning Garden for a Bar-B-Que and a little light gardening.



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 bunigr1@gmail.com.

Deadline for the November issue is Monday, October 25, 2010.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA) 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. NWNNA strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

If you enjoy peaches, nectarines and pluots, you'll be glad to hear they will be available through October at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. Arnett Farms from Fresno will continue to have numerous different pluot varieties throughout the remainder of the season. They will also be bringing persimmons to the market this month: first the Fuyu variety followed by the Hachiya variety. Tenerelli Orchards may carry peaches well into November.

Ha's Farm is now carrying sweet Italian prunes and French prunes which are good for baking. The first Bartlett pears are out, sweet and juicy. You'll see their first crop of apples for this season: Fujis, Cameos and Empires.



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 Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 7/1/10 - 7/31/10:

Aggravated Assaults 3
Burglary (Vehicle) 13

Robbery 5
Burglary (Res/Biz) 15
Grand Theft Auto 1
Homicide 0
Sex 0
Theft 15

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has become a problem in 14A25 area. We reduced crime in several categories this period, but we must regain control in residential burglaries. Effective home security need

not be costly, just a bit of common sense and energy can go a long way. Install window locks on all lower level windows for extra protection. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give intruders fewer places to hide while they commit their crimes. Place gravel beds below windows. Gravel can be noisy and tough to sneak across.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNNA>
Click on the "Join This Group" button