

North Westdale News

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Support Your Neighborhood, Please Pay Dues This Month!



Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household

If you haven't had the time recently to attend meetings or volunteer, but you appreciate the North Westdale Neighborhood Association's efforts to keep you informed about important issues, serve as a voice to local government about our neighborhood's needs and work to maintain and enhance our quality of life, please show your support with a donation.

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 NWN, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Help keep our neighborhood strong, please send in your dues today!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oct 11: North Westdale Neighborhood Book Club Meeting at the home of Lilia Singer, 7pm.

Oct 14: Oktoberfest at St. Andrew's Church (Federal & National), 7pm.

Oct 15: Mar Vista Fall Festival at Mar Vista Park (11430 Woodbine), 10am-4pm.

Oct 15: Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution Educational Forum at St. Andrew's Church (Federal & National), 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Oct 16: Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution Protest at Santa Monica Airport, 1pm.

Oct 26: Santa Monica Airport Committee Meeting at 12016 Clarkson, 6pm.

Oct 29: NWN Annual MEGA Garage Sale. 8am-1pm at various locations throughout North Westdale.

Oct 29: Richland Avenue Elementary Scare Fair at Richland, 12pm-4pm.

Nov 12: NWN Bi-Monthly Meeting. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

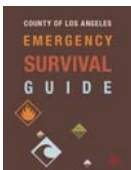


7th Annual North Westdale
MEGA Garage Sale
Saturday, October 29

Time to clean out those closets and reorganize the garage as we get ready for this year's MEGA Garage Sale! NWN 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 22.

Now Available!

LA County Emergency Survival Guide



Copies will be available at the next NWN meeting or download your own copy at <http://lacoa.org/PDF/EmergencySurvivalGuide-LowRes.pdf>. Find out what you can do to prepare yourself for any disaster!



The Nwana SM Airport Committee Report

by: Martin Rubin, Chair



At our first meeting with me as the new chair, we had an informal discussion and brainstorming session. Eight neighbors attended. I want to thank Natalie McAdams for the use of her home and for the refreshments. Natalie was confirmed as our committee Vice Chair.

Next meeting:

When: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 - 6:00 PM

Where: 12016 Clarkson Road, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Also:

On October 15, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution will hold an Educational Forum at St. Andrews Church. The following day we will protest Santa Monica Airport. Start making your creative signs now. See the full page flyer for more details. Contact me if you would like information about our October Nwana SM Airport Committee meeting. (310) 479-25 29 – martinrubin@earthlink.net

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church invites you to celebrate



OKTOBERFEST

Friday, October 14

7pm

Food! Music! Fun!



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Upcoming Trainings

These are FREE courses 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.

Skirball Cultural Center (2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd)

Mondays, 1pm-3:30pm

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28

Contact: Firefighter Butler at (818) 756-9674

UCLA Office of Residential Life (310 De Neve Dr, Rieber Hall Fireside Lounge)

Thursdays, 6pm-9pm

October 20, 27, November 3, 10 and 17

Contact: Firefighter Howard at (818) 756-9674

Hilltop Neighbors Association (location TBD)

Thursdays, 6:30pm-9:30pm

October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1

Contact: Firefighter Mason at (818) 756-9674

For more trainings, visit www.cert-la.com.

The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

SCARE FAIR!

Don't forget to join Richland Avenue Elementary for their annual Scare Fair this month. The fair will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 12pm-4pm on the school's playground. There will be food and fun for the whole family!



You can purchase gift cards for a huge variety of popular stores and restaurants including amazon.com,

Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Home Depot, Macy's, CVS, Starbucks, Subway, Bed Bath & Beyond, Whole Foods, Vons, Ross, Banana Republic, Office Depot, Cheesecake Factory, El

Torito, Coldstone Creamery, Papa John's, AMC Theaters, Arco, Chevron and many more!

If you have any questions, contact Letty at lviescaramos@gmail.com or Meggie at meggie_yildrim@yahoo.com.

NEW GIFT CARDS/SCRIP PROGRAM

Do you ever give gift cards? If you do, please consider purchasing your gift cards through Shop With Scrip in support of Richland. You can help our local school earn thousands of dollars with absolutely no extra cost to you!

To order gift cards, pick up an order form from the school office or download it from the Richland Boosters website or order online at www.shopwithscrip.com (please use Richland Group ID #LL43451C26655).

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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

- The School Cents Program starts September 15! Take your receipts to the Customer Service

Desk (2nd Floor) and ask them to credit Richland Avenue Elementary.

- Save Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. 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, 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.

North Westdale Neighborhood Book Club



This month's book is:

The Postmistress
By Sarah Blake

This novel about three very different women will take you from small town America to war-torn Europe in 1940 as it explores questions such as the merits of truth and truth-telling in wartime.

Discussion to be held on Tuesday, October 11. For details or to join the mailing list, email Lillia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net.



Mar Vista Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 15,
10am-4pm
Mar Vista Park**

Come on down and join your friends and neighbors in celebrating this year's theme, "Our Children, Our Future."

**Kids Activities
Food & Entertainment
Arts & Crafts
Inflatable Bouncers**

Monthly Farmers Market Report

The increase in foot traffic at the Mar Vista Farmers Market is evidence of its popularity. What's been the biggest change at the market in the past year? Diana Rodgers is manager of the MVFM. Her response is that word has spread among good farmers that Mar Vista has a great market. She's been getting calls from farmers wanting to participate but has to balance issues of space, current vendors and maintaining and increasing sales for all.

A recent addition to the MVFM is Santa Barbara Pistachio Company offering organic pistachios: raw and flavored (onion garlic, chile lemon, hickory smoke and red hot habanero to name a few).

October events at the MVFM:

- October 9-LA Costume Swap. Bring a worn costume from a past Halloween and exchange it for a previously worn costume.
- October 23 – Halloween Festival, Costume Contest and Parade.
- October 30 – Day of the Dead Festival featuring Mexican music.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

Block Captains Wanted!



We still have uncovered areas, so please consider volunteering to become block captain for one or more blocks:

2600 Barrington (east side)	2400-2800 Stoner	2400 Bundy
2600 Armacost	11700-11800 Radio	2600-2800 Granville

Time commitment is just 15-30 minutes a month to make a difference to our neighborhood! If you, or someone you know, would make a good block captain, please let us know! Contact Victoria Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or bunigr1@gmail.com.



Police Report

Senior Lead Officer
 Drake Madison
33997@lapd.lacity.org
 310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator
 Sergeant Pompano
 310-482-6334

Crime Trends

Updated crime statistics were not available at the time this newsletter was finalized.

IMPORTANT CRIME ALERT!

On September 13, a break in

occurred on the 2500 block of Bundy. The neighbor reported that laptops, a cell phone and a video game console with games were stolen and that all the closets and bedroom drawers had been rifled through.

The resident had left a window open in a bedroom in the back of the house which is how the thief or thieves enter the residence.

The suspects in this burglary and other recent

neighborhood burglaries are young male blacks from South LA gangs.

Officer Madison requests that all neighbors be vigilant and immediately report ANY suspicious activity to the police. To quote Officer Madison, "If something makes you take second look or wonder what the heck's going on, make the call to the police." Let's keep looking out for each other!

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bill Koontz
Vice President	John Kutchta
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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 24, 2011.

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.

We're on the web!

www.northwestdale.com

Join The North Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to:

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

Click on the "Join This Group" button and follow the online instructions.