

North Westdale News

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Santa Monica Airport Safety at Issue Next North Westdale Meeting to Discuss Neighborhood Position

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sent a representative to the most recent meeting of the Santa Monica Airport Commission. Up for discussion was the City of Santa Monica's proposal to install a 600-foot runway safety area and collapsible concrete which would serve to protect nearby residents from jets overrunning the runway.

During the course of the meeting, the FAA representative revealed that the FAA did not support Santa Monica's proposal. The FAA proposes a smaller area of collapsible concrete (165 feet instead of 300 feet) and no 600-foot runway safety area (to be replaced by an as yet to be

determined alternative).

At our next meeting, we will be discussing taking an official position on this issue. North Westdale Neighborhood Association is a non-political organization. However, we were created to serve as a way for neighbors to band together and be heard on issues that affect the well being of our neighborhood.

We encourage you to attend and let us know your feelings on this issue. For those of you who are concerned about safety and pollution from the airport, please attend the airport demonstration being planned by Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution planned for Saturday, April 21 from noon to 2pm.



YUMMY! - Youth Making Music with Yatidi

Does your child love music? Yatidi, Director of Music at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, will be teaching a free music class for kids (all ages) on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. All neighborhood children are welcome. For more information, contact St. Andrew's at (310) 477-0257.

Baskets Wanted!

If you have unwanted baskets, please donate them to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. They will be used to provide new neighbors with a welcome basket that includes information about our neighborhood and our neighborhood association! Call (310) 477-0257 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Next North
Westdale
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting

Monday,
April 9

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

AGENDA

1. Santa Monica Airport
2. Spring Fling
3. Subcommittee Updates
4. New Business

Other Upcoming
Meeting Dates:

April 9

May 14

See You There!

From The President's Desk:



Dear North Westdale Neighbors:

We live in a most wonderful neighborhood, made so by natural beauty, excellent services, public agencies, schools, transportation, and great neighbors! We also have great responsibilities as custodians of this area. It is this sense of responsibility that forms the strength and foundation of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN). Our aim is to be a public forum for the concerns of all neighbors in our area, and also a team that brings about positive changes and conservation of what we hold dear.

There are many great folks

in the NWN who donate their time and resources, and they know who they are. We are always encouraging of all neighbors, that is, you, reading this newsletter right now, to come and visit our monthly meeting to find out what is going on and to offer some level of participation.

In the meantime we face critical challenges in this area. The Santa Monica airport jet traffic spirals exponentially, gas fumes and noise pollution envelop us, street traffic increasingly clogs our avenues, crime and gangs loom, and we struggle to keep our children and families safe and growing toward a healthy future. There sure is a lot to get done!

That's why NWN is here- to represent the concerns and interests of our neighborhood. We as an organization work with local political representatives, meet with public agencies and organizing

bodies, network with neighboring associations, beautify the area, and plan great neighborhood events, such as the forthcoming Spring Fling (stay tuned for further details). We do all this to make North Westdale an exceptional example of Westside living.

So the question must be asked: are you willing to be an active part of our neighborhood growth and development? The more hearts and minds we have involved, the more good will come to our area. Plus, you'll feel a great sense of connection to your community. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli
President, NWN

North Westdale Neighborhood Classifieds

For Neighbors — By Neighbors

Violin Lessons

With Neil Donner, Ph.D.
(310) 477-6462

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



Mortgage Loans

Need to give your mortgage a brush up? Remodeling? Line of credit? Sick of those wacky radio ads? Call Tony Sanelli for friendly counsel at (310) 702-4208.

Your Classified HERE!

Email Tony Sanelli at tsanelli@acfpartners.com

Richland Avenue Elementary News and Events

Mark Your Calendars for School Fun (Yes, We Said Fun!)



First off a big THANK YOU to the many neighbors who turned out for the International Festival on March 17! The folks at Richland Avenue Elementary are so happy to be part of such a warm and supportive neighborhood.

This month there are a few other exciting events the school would like to invite North Westdalers to:

Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up

Friday, April 13
9:00 am

If you have young children, come find out about Richland's Pre-K and kindergarten programs.

Also, Richland is currently enrolling K-6th Grades for the 2007/08 school year.

Open House

Tuesday, April 24
Pizza at 5:00pm
Assembly at 6:00pm
Classroom Tours at 6:30pm

Find out what goes on in the classrooms of Richland Avenue Elementary! Star gazing party on the playground afterwards.

Big "Sunday"

Saturday, April 28
8:30am-12:30pm

Part of the City of L.A.'s day (now weekend) of service. Come out and

help beautify the school. Volunteers will be removing ivy on Federal, building boxes for a school vegetable garden and painting murals on the handball boards. Visit www.bigsunday.org or call Kami Turrou at (310) 575-0058 for more information.

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!

Join with
Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP)
L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl
California State Assemblyman Ted Lieu
And other invited guest speakers

And ask the FAA and City of Santa Monica to address safety and pollution concerns at Santa Monica Airport

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007 (Earthday Weekend)
NOON to 2 PM

We will gather, peacefully, at the
SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:
3223 DONALD DOUGLAS LOOP SOUTH

Show your support!

For more information, contact:
Martin Rubin
(310) 479-2529
www.jetairpollution.com



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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@acfpartners.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

WELCOME NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN!

Bob Benson (2500 Federal)

Correction to last month's block captain's update:

Elliot Derzaph (2400-2500 Westgate, Eastside)

Jason Brukhalter (2400-2500 Westgate, Westside)

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 Berkshire

2400 Bundy

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



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