

## *North Westdale Neighborhood Association*

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### **NWNA MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - 11555 National Blvd., L.A. 90064 (Federal and National)

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Denny Schneider - Chair, LAX Community Noise Roundtable**

Denny will talk about NextGen / SoCal Metroplex and field your questions.



Denny Schneider chairs the LAX Community Noise Roundtable. Roundtable member Martin Rubin (front right) represents the NWNA.

## *Have you noticed a difference?*

The **Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen)** is a new National Airspace System due to be completed across the United States in stages between 2012 and 2025. NextGen proposes to transform America's air traffic control system from a ground-based system to a satellite-based system. GPS technology will be used to shorten routes, save time and fuel, reduce traffic delays, increase capacity, and permit controllers to monitor and manage aircraft with greater safety margins. Planes will be able to fly closer together, take more direct routes and avoid delays caused by airport "stacking" as planes wait for an open runway. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the midst of transforming the entire U. S. air transportation system.

To coordinate flights in areas with multiple commercial and general aviation airports, the FAA has designated "Metroplex" areas. Our area, the "SoCal Metroplex," will organize flights from 13 regional airports including LAX and Santa Monica Airport (SMO).

Regarding one element of SoCal Metroplex: Councilmember Mike Bonin, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, and Mar Vista Community Council support the decoupling of the LAX / SMO flight path procedures and selecting a 250 degree heading departure from SMO to reduce air pollution impacts on North Westdale.

Not all has gone smoothly around the country where NextGen has already been implemented. Complaints spiked 2,706 percent from Bay Area residents in the noisy flight paths, even though an August 2014 FAA review found new routes in the area "would not result in significant noise impacts." Across the nation people have been sharing their concerns about the NextGen impacts that the FAA continues to ignore. Locally, Culver City, the Pacific Palisades, and a number of Mar Vista and North Westdale residents are unhappy with changes that they already notice.

We will live with the changes that will be implemented. Now is the time to get involved.

If the people lead, the leaders will follow. See you at our December 9th meeting.





# President's Report

**Hi Neighbors,**

**First, I would like to wish all a very happy holiday season.**

Your attendance at our NWNA general meetings, that we hold at Saint Andrew's, sends a message that we, in North Westdale, care about our community. Those who attend tell me that it is very worthwhile to take advantage of the speakers we schedule. This month's speaker, my longtime friend Denny Schneider, will share his knowledge as chair of the LAX Noise Roundtable, regarding new changes that will happen, and have been happening with the FAA's implementation of flight paths and procedures nationwide. We as neighbors of Santa Monica Airport should be especially interested because we are already heavily impacted by noise and pollution, and it appears that changes of planes going into LAX are adding to our dilemma. I have been representing North Westdale at the LAX Noise Roundtable for several years and find it to be a meaningful and educational experience.

On another noteworthy topic, neighbors are commenting to me about all of the cut-through traffic that is continuing to assault our community, from Centinela Avenue all the way up to Sawtelle Boulevard going to the 405 freeway. On Clarkson Road, Armacost, Brookhaven, Richland, Butler, Federal and Barry Avenues, I have observed drivers using our streets to get to the 405, speeding and even going through stop signs to accomplish their "short cuts." It would be very good and necessary for us to brainstorm ways to improve this unpleasant and dangerous situation. I've noticed on Granville Avenue, several signs on the parkway facing the street that read: drive as if your children or pets live here. We all want our quality of life to improve rather than to be deteriorated. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

What other issues would you like for the NWNA to be involved with?

Keep in mind that the NWNA officers are here to assist with the projects, not to do them.

I look forward to our Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM NWNA meeting and to seeing you there.

*Congratulations to Natasha Lopez, a block captain and NWNA LAPD Liaison, who recently gave birth to a baby girl, Luna.*

*NWNA President Martin Rubin*

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Another avenue to get involved with is our Mar Vista Community Council.

We are Zone #2 and we're represented by Zone 2 Director and NWNA Butler Avenue Block Captain Brad Wilhite.



**Merry Christmas**  
 from your neighbors at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church!  
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[www.standrews-wla.org](http://www.standrews-wla.org)

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**Celebrate with us this December!**

- 12/4 5 pm Cookie Party!
- 12/8 5 pm LAPD Santa & Toy Drive
- 12/24 5 pm Kid's Christmas Eve Service
- 12/24 10 pm Candlelight Worship
- 12/25 10 am Christmas Day Celebration

**The North Westdale Neighborhood Association  
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 Mar Vista Community Council.**



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