

## *North Westdale Neighborhood Association* P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064

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**2018  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **NWNA MEETING**

**JANUARY 24, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Nolte Hall  
11555 National Blvd., 90064

**Guest Speaker: Krista Kline**

**Councilmember Mike Bonin's Director of Land Use & Planning**

Learn about future Planning ordinances, specific issues and development projects (Q&A)



Photo and text by Martin Rubin

Many neighbors have expressed to me great concern with regard to additional impacts that new development, both proposed and already underway, will bring to our North Westdale community and surrounding West Los Angeles areas. There is consensus that traffic is *already* a nightmare that worsens with each passing day.

One such project, proposed for the area shown in the photo above, hits close to home. Claiming that the proposed four story type mixed use building, consisting of 48 apartment units with office and retail spaces over two levels of subterranean garage is within the developer's rights, the developer has chosen to ignore requests to interact with the surrounding communities and show us the plans. A project of this size will greatly exacerbate cut-through traffic from the backed-up Barrington Ave./National Blvd. intersection. Our neighborhood streets were never meant to be accessed by stressed-out, speedy, reckless drivers due to the horrible traffic conditions. At what point should a developer's right to build be allowed to interfere with the rights of neighbors in an established community? Hindsight shows clearly that for far too long the City of Los Angeles has favored development at the expense of its residents. Residents should not be forced to give up their right to live in a safe and a healthful environment.

## President's message: by Martin Rubin



Dear Neighbors,

**On behalf of the NWN, I wish everyone a *Healthy and Happy New Year* !**

The challenges before us this year will clearly affect all of us in a number of ways, and although it's easier to be reactive than it is to be pro-active, you might agree that pro-active is likely more constructive. Please consider making a New Year's resolution to get involved with neighborhood issues in 2018.

I want to thank all those who have already been involved; especially my fellow officers, all the block/apartment/condo captains, those who have taken ads out in our newsletter, those who have sent in dues donations, NWN webmaster Andy Parke, and to Monte Montgomery for his help in making our fall block parties so successful. We are losing our public relations point-person Tiffany Allegretti. She and her husband are moving away. I wish them a smooth transition into their new home.

If you would like to become active in our neighborhood association, let me know. There are a number of ways to help. The more involvement we have, the more we can serve the neighborhood.

At our January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the guest speaker will be Krista Kline, the new Director of Land Use & Planning for Councilmember Bonin. Judging from the emails I have received, I expect there will be questions and comments for her. Len Nguyen introduced Joan and I to Krista, and I look forward to learning more on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please place this on your calendar. Bring your neighbors and your questions.

Feel free to reach out to me via email or phone.

Martin Rubin - martinrubin@earthlink.net - (310) 479.2529

## SANTA MONICA AIRPORT UPDATE by Martin Rubin



On Saturday, December 23, the airport began to operate again after a 10 day closure in order to shorten the runway from about 5,000 to 3,500 feet. The photo to the left shows a view from the west side of SMO with Century City off in the distance. The yellow arrow markings point out the white stripped area where aircraft will now take off from. The takeoff area has been moved 750 feet in from each end of the runway. Air quality monitoring has been taking place in an attempt to compare air quality before, during, and after the 10 day closure.

Suja Lowenthal, the new Senior Advisor to the Santa Monica City Manager will be the guest speaker at our March 28 NWN meeting.

Thank you to longtime anti-airport-pollution activist, Debi Wagner from Burien, Washington, for her excellent presentation at the Dec. MVCC Airport Committee meeting. For the latest information, send your contact information to martinrubin@earthlink.net, and I will add you to my contact list.



### NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES - NOVEMBER 12 to DECEMBER 16, 2017

Compiled by Martin Rubin from: [maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/](http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/)

**Crime, Location, Date and Time** (Address information is generalized by block to help ensure privacy is protected.)

1. **Theft from vehicle**-11700 National-Nov. 13, 4:30 pm
2. **Burglary**-2500 Amherst-Nov. 14, 9:30 pm
3. **Grand theft auto**-Sawtelle & National-Nov. 17, noon
4. **Theft from vehicle**-2400 Centinela-Nov.17, 9 pm
5. **Aggravated assault**-2600 Barrington-Nov. 19, 12:01 am
6. **Theft from vehicle**-2500 Coolidge-Nov. 21, 4 pm
7. **Theft from vehicle**-12300 Sunset Park-Nov. 30, 10 pm
8. **Theft**- 2800 Sawtelle-Dec. 10, 5:05 pm
9. **Robbery**-Centinela & Pearl-Dec. 11, noon
10. **Theft**-2500 Colby-Dec. 12, 3:30 pm
11. **Robbery**-2600 Granville -Dec.16, 8:45 am



**Our Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer: Adrian D. Acosta**

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**February NWNA Newsletter  
Submission Deadline: January 21**

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## C A L E N D A R

**January 06, 6:00 PM**

MVCC Airport Committee Meeting  
Saint Andrew's - Library Meeting Room

**January 10, 7:00 PM**

MVCC Board of Directors  
Mar Vista Recreation Center

**January 24, 7:00 PM**

NWNA Meeting - Saint Andrew's

**February 03, 8:30 AM**

E-waste drop off at  
Saint Andrew's Parking lot

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**February 13, 7:00 PM**

MVCC Board of Directors  
Mar Vista Recreation Center

**March 28, 7:00 PM**

NWNA Meeting - Saint Andrew's

Electronic waste, or e-waste, is a term for electronic products that have become unwanted, non-working or obsolete, and have essentially reached the end of their useful life. Because technology advances at such a high rate, many electronic devices become "trash" after a few short years of use.



## E-waste Drop Off

Saturday, February 03, 2018  
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