

North Westdale News

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Message From the President:

Greetings neighbors,

2013 is starting out on the right foot so far. I just had a conversation with our Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison who is reporting an overall drop in crime numbers from last year of several percent in most areas. This is mostly due to our vigilance and reporting of anything suspicious, so keep up the good work. We also just had a wonderful meeting featuring our good friend and councilman Bill Rosendahl who will be retiring after this term to focus on his health. He introduced his chief of staff and friend Mike Bonin who will be running to fill his shoes.

A big thanks to everyone who paid their dues. It looks like we are doing well financially and have plans to do some type

of big outreach event this spring or summer. We'll keep you posted.

Unfortunately our esteemed secretary Eri had to step down and I have begun the search to find a suitable replacement. I already have one name that has been tossed into the hat so far. If anyone else would like to be considered or would like to nominate someone please let me know soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Koontz
President, NWNA



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

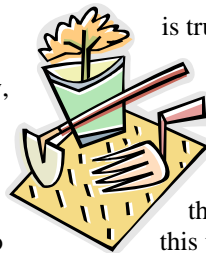
- Feb 11:** NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.
- Feb 15:** Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner at St. Andrew's, 6pm.
- Feb 19:** NWNA Book Club Meeting to discuss *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend*, 7pm.
- Feb 20:** McTeacher Night. Fundraiser for Richland at the National & Sawtelle McDonalds, 4pm-7pm.
- Feb 21:** Kinder Round Up at Richland Ave Elementary, 9am.
- Feb 23:** Piano concert at St. Andrew's, 4pm.
- Feb 25:** Coffee with the Principal, at Richland Ave Elementary Parent Center, 8:30am.
- Mar 11:** NWNA Meeting
- Mar 21:** Kinder Round Up
- Apr 6:** Rummage Sale at St. Andrew's to benefit Richland Ave Elementary.
- Apr 20:** MVCC Green Garden Showcase.

MVCC is Looking For a Few Good Gardens Show Off Your Green Thumb at the 2013 Garden Showcase!

By: Melissa Stoller

The 5th annual Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase is Saturday, April 20. This giant eco-festival is comprised of gardens throughout the Mar Vista community. Last year's tour was wildly successful tour, attracting over 2,000 visitors to the nearly 100 participating gardens.

North Westdale has some wonderful sustainable gardens. Sadly, most of them are not yet signed up to participate in the tour. Don't despair! There's still time to enter your garden or encourage a neighbor to enter. This



is truly a giant block party throughout Mar Vista and you will have a blast meeting your neighbors as they visit your garden!

We especially value do-it-yourself gardeners who can share their knowledge and experience. And this year we have a new garden category: Work in Progress. Visit our website:

marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com and click the "Garden Showcase FAQs" link for more information about joining the tour.

Avoiding Parking Tickets on Street Cleaning Day A Friendly Neighbor Tip

Neighbor Al B. sent in this tip for avoiding tickets on street cleaning days: Set up a reminder. If you operate your daily schedule out of a date book or a yearly calendar, go thru it right now and mark down - STREET CLEANING - on the

Monday or Tuesday that applies for your side FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. It will take just a short bit of time. Saving over \$70 for each 'Hit'.

Got a tip for your neighbors? Send it in to our editor at bunigrrl@gmail.com!

NEXT NWNA
MEETING
MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 11
7PM

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

NWNA Airport Committee Proposes Motion

Attend the Feb 11 General Meeting to Vote!



By: Martin Rubin, NWNA Vice President, Chair of the Airport Committee and Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution.

Our Airport Committee passed the following important motion and it will be voted on by all attending our February 11 NWNA Monthly Meeting.

MOTION: Los Angeles Action Regarding Santa Monica Airport

Whereas Los Angeles City Council District 11 (CD 11) borders Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to the south and to the east, including a portion of the east end of SMO within the City of Los Angeles CD 11; and Whereas the CD 11 neighborhoods of Mar Vista, Venice, Cheviot Hills, Rancho Park and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods, especially North Westdale, as well as the CD 5 neighborhoods of Rancho Park and

Cheviot Hills, are all uniquely impacted by nuisances, and serious safety/public health concerns created by SMO operations; and

Whereas changes to the operations at SMO by the City of Santa Monica and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), since 1984, include: 1) No curfew on landings that approach almost without exception only over Los Angeles neighborhoods; 2) Santa Monica's "Fly Neighborly Program" that advises visual flights to fly over Los Angeles thus avoiding Santa Monica; 3) A 1990 change to the Instrument Flight westerly departure route that moved takeoffs from over Santa Monica to over Venice resulting in the need to coordinate with LAX flight patterns, prolonged idle/hold times at SMO; all having the effect of greatly increasing the extreme negative effects on the above mentioned Los Angeles neighborhoods.

Therefore be it resolved that the North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNA) requests the City Council of the City of Los Angeles takes all necessary steps, including opening a council file directing the City Attorney to research all potential actions that may be taken, including but not limited to legal action, to protect the public health of Los Angeles residents against extreme environmental, safety, and all other disproportionate impacts from SMO operations.

Be it further resolved that the NWNA recommends, in order to assure that Los Angeles' interests are given fair and appropriate attention, the City of Los Angeles request official Los Angeles CD 11 representation at all meetings with the City of Santa Monica that pertain to the future uses of SMO; including SMO staff meetings with the FAA.

Calling All Book Lovers!



It doesn't matter if you're an old school paper and ink book reader or a modernist e-reader, if you enjoy the written word and discussing books, join the club! Upcoming Readings/Meetings for this quarter are:

FEBRUARY 19

Rin Tin Tin: The Life and Legend

by Susan Orlean

MARCH 19

The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao

by Junot Diaz

APRIL 16

The Day of the Locust

by Nathaniel West

For more information or to be added to the book club email list, please contact Lillia at bellagardendesign@att.net. Happy reading!

Become a Block Captain!

Help to energize our neighborhood! It's easy and takes very little of your time.

Interested? Then don't hesitate.

For details contact Block Captain Leader Marty Rubin at:

(310) 479-2529

Thank you!



The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

KINDER ROUND UPS!

Yee-haw! Only two round ups left! Richland Avenue will be hosting School Tours for prospective Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Come see our wonderful neighborhood school:

Thursday, February 21
Thursday, March 21

Tours start at 9am at the Richland Avenue Elementary Library.

McTEACHER NIGHT FEB 20, 4PM-7PM



Eat at McDonalds at National & Sawtelle on Richland's McTeacher night. Get served by Richland teachers and help earn money for Richland. Richland will receive 20% of profits, plus there will be a raffle for a brand new bike! Contact Richland if you would like to purchase raffle tickets.

COFFEE W/ THE PRINCIPAL FEB 25, 8:30AM

Starting Feb 25 at 8:30am in our Parent Center and every 3rd Monday of each month, Richland will be hosting "Coffee with the



Principal". Come meet with our Principal for an open forum for parents and neighbors to ask questions and stay up to date.

RUMMAGE SALE, APR 6 DONATIONS WANTED!

Richland is accepting donations for their annual rummage sale on April 6 at St. Andrew's Church. Any donations may be dropped off in the Main Office.



SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

You don't have to have school-aged children to help our neighborhood school! There are lots of simple ways our entire neighborhood can support our local public school, including:

- Earn funds for Richland while you search and shop online. use www.goodsearch.com, register and choose Richland Avenue Elementary School to receive money from GoodSearch. An easy way to help our neighborhood school!
- Purchase gift cards through

Shop With Scrip at www.shopwithscrip.com, Richland Group ID #LL43451C26655. It's a great way to give a gift and support Richland at the same time! For questions or more information, contact Karen Ritchey at acnmgk22@yahoo.com.

- The School Cents Program at the Westside Pavilion. Don't forget to bring your receipts to the Customer Service Desk on the 2nd Floor. Every mall purchase counts!
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags. Drop these off at the school office or bring it over to the NWN meeting.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot. *
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program and share one of the best gifts of all, the love of reading! Contact the school office at (310) 473-0467 for more info on any of these programs.

St. Valentine's
SWEETHEART DINNER
FRIDAY, FEB 15 @ 6PM

Bring your sweetheart or just someone who's company you enjoy! Donation of \$10 includes a delicious menu of:

Appetizers, Salad, Bread, Lasagna, Spaghetti, Meatballs and Desserts.

All accompanied by beautiful music. For more information call the St. Andrew's office at (310) 477-0257 or email office@standrews-wla.org.

GALINA BARSKAYA
PIANO CONCERT
SATURDAY, FEB 23 @ 4PM

Featuring works by Mozart, Schubert, Grieg, Lee Evans, Prokofiev, and more.

Tickets:
\$15 in advance
\$20 at the door
(all proceeds will benefit the mission and ministry at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church)

For more information and reservations call (310) 477-0257 or email office@standrews-wla.org.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

Valentine's Day is February 14. Let the Mar Vista Farmers Market help you take care of the preparations. You will find a colorful selection of flowers from Ocean Breeze Farms and JR Organics: gerberas, tulips, lilies, mixed bouquets and roses. Franny Bakes has gluten-free and dairy-free candies and cookies. Look for her gift baskets and special heart-shaped jewel boxes that you can fill with your choice of cookies, fudge and other sweets.

If you're planning a special meal, start with a salad of greens from Weiser Family Farms. Another suggestion is a salad of Hass avocados from George Bliss Farms paired with Arnett Farms oro blanco grapefruit sections, lightly dressed with Joelle's extra virgin olive oil. For a main course select from Dey Dey's cuts of grass-fed beef: top sirloin, flank steak, London broil, tri tip and filet mignon. Smart Fish Co. offers king salmon filets, Chilean sea bass and shrimp. Pair your entrée with a combination of roasted carrots, parsnips, potatoes, brussel sprouts and cauliflower. One of Marcie's pies will make a great finish to your meal: apple or blackberry to name a few.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bill Koontz
Vice President	Martin Rubin
Treasurer	Wayne Matsuyama
Secretary	Open
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 Bill Koontz at billk@marvista.org.

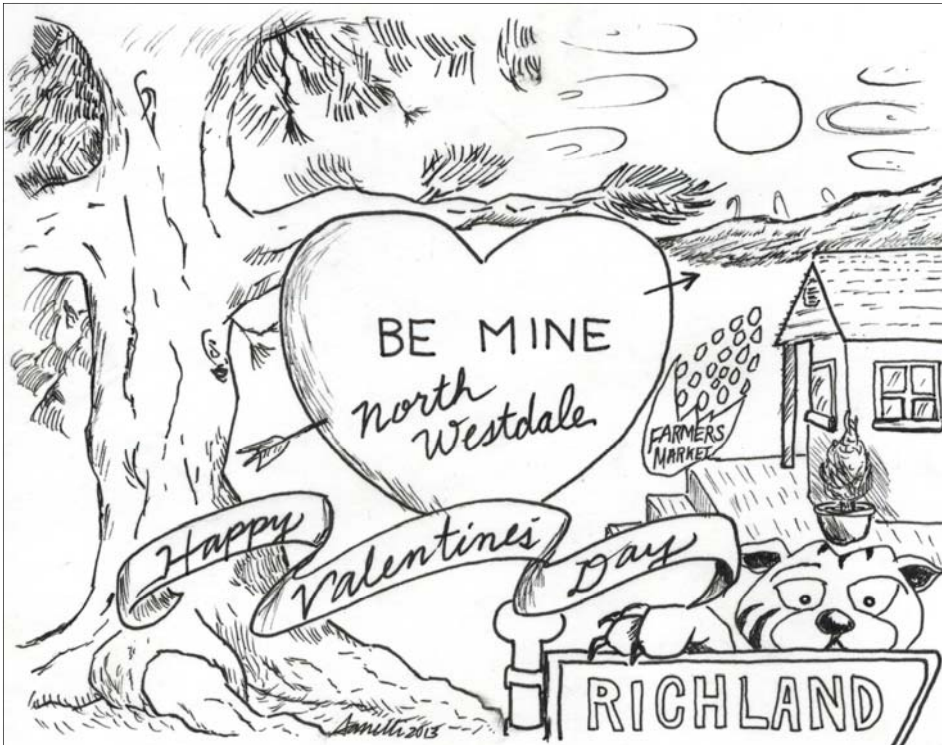
Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bnigr1@gmail.com.

Deadline for the March issue is Monday, February 25, 2013.

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.

North by Northwestdale by Tony Scaneli



Safety First!

Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

This spring the Mar Vista Community Council will be looking at ways to more fully integrate emergency preparedness into it's block captain program so take this opportunity to review your own emergency plan and supplies.

Police Report



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

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

No updated statistics were available at print..

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