

North Westdale News

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IMPT DATE CHANGE! NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 18!

Featured Speaker:

BILL ROSENDAHL

L.A. City Councilmember



Join us on Tuesday, June 18 (please note date change!) at 7pm at St. Andrew's Church as we meet with our outgoing City Councilman, Bill Rosendahl. Come out and say thank you for eight years of service to the city of Los Angeles and for helping to keep our neighborhood safe and a great place to live!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

June 18: NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

Jun 18: NWNA Book Club Meeting to discuss *Flight Behavior*, 7pm.

Aug 10: Richland Avenue Elementary Play Date for Prospective Kindergarten Children, 10am.

Sep 9: NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

Oct 26: Save the Date! NWNA Annual MEGA Garage Sale.

Message From the President:

Greetings neighbors,

Another big thanks to everyone that helped to put together the block party last month. By all accounts it was a big success. Bill Rosendahl was there to hand out some awards and sample some of the food. At any one time during the day one could easily count 50 people milling around getting to know their neighbors. Families continued to come and go through out the day. I'd put a rough estimate of 100 to 150 people that attended. Another big thanks to those that brought home made side dishes and desserts. Maybe next year we could have some type of bake off or bake sale. Yum :-)

Anyways, thanks again for letting me be

your president for the last two years. I've enjoyed myself immensely and will continue to help you all make this a wonderful neighborhood to live and raise our kids in.

Remember to come to our last meeting before the big break to see Bill Rosendahl pass the torch to my good friend Marty Rubin who will do a fantastic job with the reigns of North Westdale.

Thanks again,

Bill

Bill Koontz
President, NWNA



NEXT NWNA MEETING MON, JUNE 18 7PM

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

REMINDER! NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS RESUME ON MON, SEPT 9

New Board Elected at May Meeting Officers Will Serve 2013-2014

Congratulations to the following neighbors who were elected at the May meeting to serve as officers for the 2013-14 year:

President: Martin Rubin

Vice-President: Anthony Sanelli

Treasurer: Wayne Matsuyama

Secretary: Joan Rubin

Thank you for your votes and thank you to the new board for your service!

Message from
Martin Rubin, President-Elect

Thank you for electing me to be the next President of our neighborhood association. I plan on working to improve our community and I ask for your assistance. Let me know your ideas. There is no doubt that the whole is equal to the sum of its parts. Let's all be a part by partaking in our North Westdale Neighborhood Association.

Baby (and Kids) Play Group

If you're looking to meet other babies/toddlers/kids in the neighborhood for play group and activities and to share information, please contact Vicki Sanelli (Lorelai's mommy) at bunigrrl@gmail.com or join our Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WNABabies/>

June's Meet Up will be Sunday, June 30 at 11am to check out Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center!



Noah's Ark at The Skirball

Imagine yourself immersed in a favorite childhood tale. Five years in the making and occupying an 8,000-square-foot gallery, Noah's Ark at the Skirball welcomes children and families to take this journey together.

Inside a floor-to-ceiling wooden ark, filled to the rafters with whimsical animals, you and your family will play, build, climb, explore, make music, make friends, and more.

Unique to the Noah's Ark experience are impromptu "happenings," surprise interactions, and drop-in activities. While visiting the galleries, meet a puppet, or create a take-home art project. Then round out your visit by experiencing the outdoor rainbow mist in the arroyo park just outside the galleries.

THANK YOU



Ms. Klein and Ms. Harvin of Richland Avenue Elementary!

Richland Avenue Elementary and North Westdale would like to thank two retiring Richland Avenue Elementary staff members: Marion Klein and Sylvia Harvin.

Marion Klein, a physical therapist, serves students with special needs. She focuses on increasing strength, mobility, and balance for her students. She has shown great care over the years, and she will be missed.

Sylvia Harvin is retiring after seventeen years as a first grade teacher. Previously, she taught on the East Coast. She is a dynamic, hard-working, and engaging teacher who has changed the lives of many students over the years. Richland will dearly miss Ms. Harvin.

Congratulations and best wishes to you both as you enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation at the start of your new adventure as retirees!

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

Recently LAPD has reported a spate of garage burglaries, both break ins and people leaving their doors unlocked or open for just a minute. Bikes are often the target.

Keep an Eye on Our
Neighborhood!

To Report Suspicious
Activity, Please Call

1-877-ASK-LAPD

(1-800-275-5273)

The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

THANKS Nwana!

Thank you to North Westdale for all of your neighborhood support for Richland Avenue this year. Our neighborhood school is truly a gem and your support is so valuable. Thank you to all of the neighbors who support our Scrip Program, register your Ralph's Cards, turned in receipts for School Cents and for supporting and coming to our school events. Of course, the Ralph's program and Scrip continue through the Summer months. Richland is truly a wonderful school for the children in our neighborhood, and under the guidance of Principal Granade, we continue to thrive academically. We have wonderful teachers and programs supporting our children. We are lucky to have such a wonderful neighborhood school.



PROSPECTIVE KINDERGARTENERS' PLAY DATE, AUG 10

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in August, please come to the Kindergarten Play Date on

August 10 at 10am in the Kinder Yard. This is a great opportunity to see the classrooms, meet other students and parents and have your child get excited about their new school!!

BOOSTER CLUB INFO

To keep up on Richland happenings please visit our websites www.richlandbooster.com and www.richlandavenueschool.org.

SUMMER GARDENING OPPORTUNITY

If you happen to walk by the Learning Garden on Tuesday evenings during Summer Break, feel free to drop in and help our parents who will be maintaining our crops throughout the Summer months.



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:

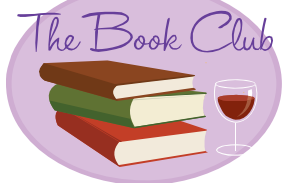
- Earn funds for Richland while you search and shop online. use www.goodsearch.com, register and choose Richland Avenue Elementary School to receive money from GoodSearch. An easy way to help our neighborhood school!
- Purchase gift cards through Shop With Scrip at www.shopwithscrip.com, Richland Group 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.
- 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 Nwana meeting.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot.

NWNA Book Club

Please note, the NWNA Book Club discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior* has been pushed back to June. All readers are welcome to join the group!

JUNE 18
Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver

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



SAVE THE DATE!

9th Annual North Westdale
MEGA Garage Sale
Saturday, October 26



Mark your calendar! This year's MEGA Garage Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2013. So this summer, clean out your closets, attic and garage and take part in this great neighborhood tradition. We'll have more details in next September's NWNA newsletter.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

One of the highlights of summer is the weekly treasure of peaches from Summer Harvest Farms. The orchard owner John expects the taste and flavor of this summer's peaches to be similar to last year's high quality. An interesting note is that his orchards have hundreds of varieties of peaches, each reaching its peak at different times of the growing season. If you find a peach you like, get the name of the variety and buy lots of it since it may be available for only a few weeks before the next variety matures and is brought to the market.

EnFuso aged balsamic vinegars will make a great addition to your pantry. With their syrupy consistency from the aging process, a little will go a long way. Try it drizzled over grilled eggplant, zucchini and bell peppers. It would make a wonderful salad dressing (2 parts olive oil to 1 part balsamic vinegar) or added to a caprese salad (tomatoes, mozzarella and basil). It can even be used as a sauce over fresh fruit and vanilla ice cream. EnFuso is at the Mar Vista Farmers Market on the fourth Sunday of each month. enFuso.com.

Enjoy the bounty of the summer months. See you in September.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

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!

Police Report



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

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Merlo
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 3/1/13 - 3/31/13:

Aggravated Assaults 2
Burglary (Vehicle) 10
Robbery 1
Burglary (Res/Biz) 10
Grand Theft Auto 1
Homicide 0

Sex 1
Theft 9

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has experienced an increase in Theft (Petty). Overall crime has decreased in our area across the board, but we still have some work to do. Petty theft is taking of property without the owner's consent. Teach family members to place items of value out of sight, such as toys and tools. Lock and secure all storage bins, tool sheds and garages. Most petty thefts are crimes of opportunity. Locking up items of value helps deter that

opportunity. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program, it is still the best tool against crime. If you observe any suspicious or criminal activities call the police right away.

Home Plant Safety Tip: Plant thorny bushes under your home windows and trim the trees in the yard. This will help deter burglary suspects from using your landscaping as cover to commit their crimes.

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bill Koontz
Vice President	Martin Rubin
Treasurer	Wayne Matsuyama
Secretary	Joan Rubin
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 bnigrr1@gmail.com.

Deadline for the Sept issue is Monday, Aug 26, 2013.

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