

## Guest Speaker

# Los Angeles Councilman Bill Rosendahl

*At our June 11, 2012 Meeting: 7:00 PM*  
**St. Andrew's Church (Federal & National)**

Join us as we hear directly from our City Councilman about what our local government is doing to address important issues that impact your lives. Share your concerns and find out what you can do to ensure that our neighborhood remains a great place to live.

Q&A session to follow — Please bring questions!

### **Election of Officers Results**

**Bill Koontz, President**  
**Martin Rubin, Vice President**  
**Eri Kriteiman, Secretary**  
**Wayne Matsuyama, Treasure**

### JUNE 11 MEETING AGENDA

GUEST: BILL ROSENDAHL  
COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CALENDAR

**May 15:** NWNA Book Club Meeting (See page 3)  
**June 27:** NWNA Airport Committee Meeting (See page 3)

## From The President's Desk:

I would just like to thank every one of my friends and neighbors for a pretty great 2011/2012 year here in North Westdale.



This last year we have seen more aggressive dues collection which has allowed us a little fiscal breathing room and given us the ability to start giving back and supporting Richland Avenue Elementary School again. I'm not sure if it's the gentle neighborly guilt trip or if people are just feeling a little bit better about their finances but thank you and thank you to all of our block captains who volunteer just about every month to distribute these newsletters and collect the dues.

This last year we have also seen a depleted board. Missing a sitting Secretary and a Vice-President for several months has turned the meetings into more of a one man show for which I feel bad; I don't think this is any way to run the meetings. I'm really glad that several well qualified people are joining me on the board this year. Additionally we tried an experiment of having the meetings every other month instead of every month. It was a good idea and we gave it a shot but it seems there is just too much going on here in sleepy little North Westdale.

We also went through a spate of burglaries in the neighborhood this last year. According to LAPD a gang from South L.A. had targeted us as an easy hit, lots of residential homes with often both people at work all day. What they didn't factor in were our neighbors that stay home all day walking their dogs, gardening in the yard and just generally paying attention to their surroundings. Thanks to neighbors like these and the free flowing communication that we have with our partner at LAPD, Officer Drake Madison, these thugs stopped coming around our neighborhood. This is also in large part due to the yahoo newsgroup that our web site guru Andrew has set up for us. If you aren't a part of this network please visit our website at [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com) and follow the very simple steps on the main page. It really is a fantastic tool for us to communicate with each other, especially for those of you that can't make it to the monthly meetings.

I'm really looking forward to this next year here in North Westdale. As always if you have any ideas or suggestions about the meetings or the neighborhood in general feel free to email me at [billk@marvista.org](mailto:billk@marvista.org).

*Bill*

Bill Koontz, President, NWA

### Police Contacts



Senior Lead Officer - Drake Madison

[[33997@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:33997@lapd.lacity.org)]

**310-622-3973**

Basic Car Coordinator - Sergeant Pompano

**310-482-6334**

### May's Crime Statistics:

Aggravated Assaults	0
Burglary from Vehicle	1
Robbery	4
Burglary (Business/Residential)	4
Grand Theft Auto	4
Homicide	0
Sex	0

The majority of these crimes happened along the outer edges of North Westdale where busy streets and close freeway access made for a very easy get away. Luckily for us some key arrests have been made and the burglaries are way down from what they had been this last year.

### **Fight Graffiti!**

Request graffiti removal online quickly and easily at:

**[anti-graffiti.lacity.org](http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org)**

## ***NWNA Santa Monica Airport (SMO) Committee***

Our committee meetings are always rather enjoyable. Good company and conversation. Discussions are mostly free-form, but we also take care of business. Santa Monica Airport (SMO) is getting national attention and our North Westdale neighborhood is the area most impacted by SMO. That attention will increase in the coming years as we focus more on public health. Young children and the elderly are most at risk, but we all are very much affected. It would be wise for all of us to fully understand what is at stake. Do join us and learn more by attending



### **our next Airport Committee meeting:**

***Wednesday June 27, 2012, 6:00 PM - 12016 Clarkson Road***

For more information contact: Martin Rubin – Chair - (310) 479-2529 – [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net)

ALSO: sign up to be on the contact list for

**Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution at: [www.JetAirPollution.com](http://www.JetAirPollution.com)**

## **Mar Vista Farmers Market [www.marvistafarmersmarket.org](http://www.marvistafarmersmarket.org)**

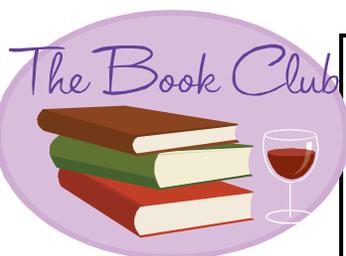
Report *By Wayne Matsuyama*

***Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM—Grand View and Venice Blvd.***

The warmer weather this spring has already resulted in a wealth of summer fruits: cherries, apricots, apriums, peaches, nectarines, plums and pluots. Samples are readily available to help you select your favorites. Be sure to bring an extra bag to the market as you will probably buy more fruit than expected.

Both regular and Thai basil are plentiful and look wonderful. Ong choy (aka morning glory leaves or Chinese water cress) is available as well as bitter melon leaves. Yam leaves and sweet potato leaves should be at the market later this month. There are also fava beans and English snap peas. Green and yellow zucchini, spherical summer squash, heirloom tomatoes and sweet white corn have made their first welcomed appearances.

New to the MVFM is Brett and Tanya Farm specializing in mushrooms, seedlings and fresh local vegetables from their Hacienda Heights location. If you want to try your hand at growing oyster mushrooms, they have created mushroom bags with the growing medium they use at their farm. With the proper care you can harvest your own oyster mushrooms in 4 to 6 weeks. Brett and Tanya's farming efforts were recently featured in the *LA Times*. Also written about in the *Times* was County Line Farm, now selling at the MVFM. Selling 100% organic produce, look for their honey yellow melons, a bit sweeter than honeydew melon and only available through mid-July.



**NWNA Book Club** (This month's selection): **Hotel of the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by *Jamie Ford* Discussion to be held on Tuesday, June 12.

***There will be no meeting in July***, but if anyone is interested in more details, or would like to join the mailing list, email Lillia Singer at:

**[bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net)**

## Treasurer's Report

North Westdale Neighborhood Association Cash Sources and Uses

For the nine months ending March 31, 2012

Cash as of July 1, 2011 \$ 5,943.83

### Sources

Dues Received 2,305.00

NWNA newsletter grant from MVCC 300.00

2,605.00

### Uses

Newsletter (1,146.92)

Church-Meeting Hall Rental (160.00)

Web hosting (107.40)

(1,414.32)

Cash as of March 31, 2012 \$ 7,134.51

***This year we were able to give Richland Avenue Elementary School \$250. to help support their annual Haunted House. This goes a long way to helping them set up a great little fundraiser. In the past we have given them more but according to our by-laws we are only able to give out 25% of our remainder after factoring two years of non-discretionary funds.***

## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bill Koontz
Vice President	Martin Rubin
Treasurer	Wayne Matsuyama
Secretary	Eri Kriteaman
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](mailto:billk@marvista.org)

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at [atunigr1@gmail.com](mailto:atunigr1@gmail.com).

Deadline for the September issue is  
Monday, August 27, 2012.

*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.*

*NWNA 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](http://www.northwestdale.com)

## Block Captains and Alternates needed!

Become a Block Captain!

Help to energize our neighborhood!

It's easy and takes very little of your time.

**Contact: Block Captain Leader Marty Rubin at (310) 479-2529**

**[martinubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinubin@earthlink.net) — Thank you!**

**Next NWNA Meeting Will Be**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**St. Andrew's Church**

**(National & Federal)**

**Please join us and help keep this a great neighborhood!**

**Have a great, safe summer!**

*Join The North Westdale  
E-Mail List on our  
YAHO group!*

Go to:

[http://groups.yahoo.com  
/group/NWNA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA)

Click on the "Join This Group" button and follow the online instructions.