

# North Westdale News

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## Message From the President:

Happy March everyone!

For those of you could not make it to the last meeting, I had the privilege of appointing our new secretary, Joan Rubin, long time resident and excellent gardener. I really appreciate her and everyone else both past and present that has taken time out of their lives to give back and make their neighborhood a better place to live. Along those lines North Westdale will be having its annual elections in May and as some of have heard already I won't be seeking a re-election bid. My duties and responsibilities as your Mar Vista councilman have grown and will continue to grow this next year. I am officially "beating the bushes" to get all interested and eligible neighbors to consider running for and sitting on the board of the

North Westdale Neighborhood Association.

Our newly formed outreach committee will be throwing a block party soon and you are invited. Details to follow. Additionally for those of you on Facebook, I have created a group page named simply "North Westdale". Please feel free to join it and let's see how many of our neighbors we can get to know.



Thanks,  
*Bill*

Bill Koontz  
President, NWNA

## Richland Ave Elementary School Report

### LAST KINDER ROUND UP-MAR 21!

Parents of prospective Pre-K or Kindergarten students, come see our wonderful neighborhood school. Tour starts at 9am at the Library, Thurs, March 21.

### COFFEE W/ THE PRINCIPAL MAR 18, 8:30AM

Come meet the Principal for an open forum for parents and neighbors to ask questions and stay up to date (and drink free coffee!).

### OPEN HOUSE, MAR 29, 4:30-6:30PM

See what the students at Richland have been up to! Or simply stop by for some delicious In 'N Out and shop the Spring Gift Boutique. Either way, it's a nifty North Westdale evening out!

### 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

And don't forget all the every day ways you can support our elementary school, including:

- [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)
- [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), Richland Group ID #LL43451C26655. (For more information, contact Karen Ritchey at [acnmgk22@yahoo.com](mailto:acnmgk22@yahoo.com).)
- The School Cents Program at the Westside Pavilion.
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags.
- Store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program! Contact the school office at (310) 473-0467 for more info on any of these programs.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Mar 11:** NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

**Mar 19:** NWNA Book Club Meeting, 7pm.

**Mar 21:** Kinder Round Up, 9am at Richland Ave Elementary.

**Mar 29:** Richland Ave Elementary Open House and Spring Gift Boutique.

**Apr 6:** Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Andrew's to benefit Richland Ave Elementary.

**Apr 20:** MVCC Green Garden Showcase.

## NEXT NWNA

MEETING  
**MONDAY,  
MARCH 11  
7PM**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

## Safety First!

Bill's Safety Corner

By: Bill Koontz

While overall crime stats are down, property crime in certain areas of our neighborhood is up so remain vigilant and keep your eyes on your neighbors houses and your ears open. Thanks.



## Monthly Farmers Market Report

With March comes Daylight Savings and the first day of spring. Selling seedlings of unique varieties of vegetables and herbs, Home Grown Gardens reflects these changes as it transitions from cool season to summer crops. They are currently at the tail end of selling prima rosa swiss chard and broccoli rabe. In March look for early varieties of beans (dragon's tongue beans and fava beans) and tomatoes (early varieties such as glacier and black prince). Let Matt help you select your next harvest and answer any questions about caring for your seedlings.

Citrus will predominate for the next several months until the stone fruit make their appearance in May. For strawberry enthusiasts, some summer varieties have been available since the beginning of the year and will continue to sweeten through the spring. For those interested in Asian cooking, the Mar Vista Farmers Market provides ingredients such as baby bok choy, yu choy, Thai broccoli, asian mustard greens, ginger and lemon grass. You'll be able to find these products at Central Valley Farms and/or Fresno Evergreen Farms.



### 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	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](mailto:billk@marvista.org).

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at [bunigr1@gmail.com](mailto:bunigr1@gmail.com).

Deadline for the April issue is Monday, March 25, 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.*



Join The North Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to:

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

## "The Alley Cats" Gather and Watch

By: Sue Funkhouser

### ALLEY CATS UPDATE:

Thanks to Kamton, Ted, Steve and Damien we now have a neighborhood watch sign posted at each entrance of the alley. We still

need people to post their house numbers in the back of their house so we can help as needed.

Ted and I have noticed a few people's garage doors open in the past month and we couldn't call you because there weren't any house numbers. Get the sticky numbers...they work!



## NWNA Book Club



Turn off the TV and pick up a book! The Book Club meets this month (March 19) to discuss:

*The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao*  
by Junot Diaz

And next month (April 16) to discuss:

*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](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net). Happy reading!

Saturday, April 20  
10am-4pm

Showcase Central  
3635 Grand View Boulevard

For more information visit  
[marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com](http://marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com)



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