

North Westdale News

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Message From the President:

Greetings neighbors,

Thank you all very much for the wonderful time I have had the last two years as the president of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association. I will still go to all of the meetings and be your representative on the Mar Vista Community Council. I'm looking forward to the elections and am excited about the direction we are headed in. Both candidates would make great presidents. A big thank you goes out to the outreach committee for putting together this first annual North Westdale wide block party. I really hope that you can make it down to meet some of your

neighbors for an afternoon of fun and food.

Another big thank you goes out to Vicki Sanelli for tirelessly writing and distributing this newsletter month after month and year after year.

Please remember to turn out Monday the 13th for the elections.

Thanks again,

Bill

Bill Koontz
President, NWNA



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

May 11: St. Andrew's Spring Concert, 4pm at St. Andrew's Church.

May 13: NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church. **BOARD MEMBER ELECTION DAY! COME AND VOTE!!**

May 17: Richland Avenue Elementary's Cinco de Mayo celebration and Silent Auction, 1:30pm-3:00pm at Richland.

May 18: First Annual NWNA Block Party, 12pm-3pm at Federal & Clarkson.

May 21: NWNA Book Club Meeting to discuss *Flight Behavior*, 7pm.

June 10: NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.



North Westdale Neighborhood Association

FIRST ANNUAL

BLOCK

PARTY

Meet your neighbors!

Food!

Face painting!

Bounce house!

Fun! Fun!

Saturday, May 18 • 12pm to 3pm

St. Andrew's Church **Meet Mike Bonin**
Federal Ave. & Clarkson Road **& Bill Rosendahl**



NEXT NWNA
MEETING
MON, MAY 13
7PM

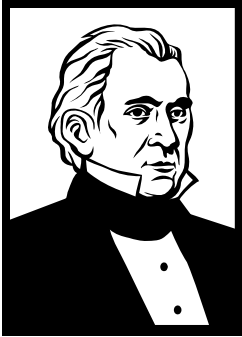
**VOTE FOR YOUR
2013-14 BOARD
MEMBERS**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

NWNA Board President Candidate Statements

Meet Martin Rubin and Brad Wilhite!

MARTIN RUBIN for PRESIDENT



I have been a North Westdale resident for over twenty five years and feel I know the community and its needs. I served as Chair of the Bylaws Committee in 2006 when our NWNA bylaws were updated. Currently, I am Vice President, Block Captain Leader, and the Chair of the Airport Committee. As President, I will continue to help improve our North Westdale neighborhood to the best of my ability. I have been working with our local politicians for more than ten years on airport issues as well as other community issues.

I also want to encourage more involvement by our NWNA residents and hear your ideas on how we can improve our neighborhood and our neighborhood association. Thank you and please attend this May 13 NWNA meeting and meet some of your neighbors.

Martin Rubin

BRAD WILHITE for PRESIDENT

My name is Brad Wilhite and I am running for President of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association. I am the youngest of four boys and grew up in Hershey, Pennsylvania. In 1993 I made my way to Los Angeles to work in the film industry as an editor and continue to do what I love now almost 20 years later. I moved to North Westdale in 2007 and couldn't believe how lucky I was to find such a wonderful neighborhood filled with such great neighbors.

I'm a proud father of a 9-month-old baby girl named Madison and a devoted husband to my wonderful wife Deborah. Also, not to be forgotten are our 2 rescued cats – Lulu and Shady and the best West Pico Shelter dog ever named Buddy.

I'm currently the Block Captain for Butler Avenue and enjoy giving back to my community. North Westdale is very important to my family and I promise to do my best to keep it moving forward in a positive direction. If elected my priorities as President will be:



1. Neighborhood safety and crime prevention
2. Local School support and assistance
3. Increasing neighbor participation and involvement in the NWA
4. Santa Monica Airport concerns

Please come show your support for your community and turn out to vote on May 13th.

Your neighbor,
Brad Wilhite

Also nominated at last month's meeting for board positions were:

Joan Rubin for Secretary
Wayne Matsuyama for Treasurer
Anthony Sanelli for Vice President

Additional nominations will be accepted at the start of the May 13 meeting before voting begins so if you'd like to step up and serve, it's not too late! See you at the Monday, May 13 election meeting!

The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION AND SILENT AUCTION

Join the students at Richland Avenue Elementary School for their Cinco de Mayo Celebration (student performances start at 1:30pm) and take home some great prizes while helping the Richland Booster Club raise money for our great little school! Silent auction goodies include an American Girl doll, amusement park tickets, gourmet coffee, restaurant gift cards, movie gift cards and so much more... there's something for everyone!



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 acnmkg22@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! **MAY 15 IS THE DEADLINE FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM!**

- 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 NRNA 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

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

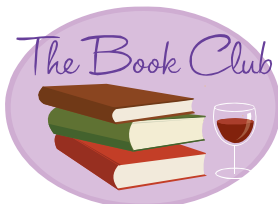
You don't have to have school-aged children to help our neighborhood school! There are lots of simple ways our entire neighborhood can

NRNA Book Club

Fellow readers, join your neighborhood book club for a mentally stimulating journey through literature, old and new! Next book discussion scheduled is:

MAY 21
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. Happy reading!



Baby Play Group

If you're looking to meet other babies in the neighborhood for play group and activities and to share information, please contact Vicki Sanelli (Lorelai's mommy) at bunigr1@gmail.com or join our Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NWNA Babies/>

May's Meet Up will be a Sunday matinee of mariba music for kids at McCabe's Guitar Shop on May 19!



Hazardous Waste Disposal

Remember, solvents, automotive, flammables and electronics are NOT safe to put in our garbage cans. If you have any of these potentially toxic items to get rid of, please drop them off at a S.A.F.E. Center such as the one West LA one located at:

550 Charles E. Young Drive West
(on the UCLA campus)

Thurs-Sat, 8am-2pm

Electronic waste accepted on Saturdays only.

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

Did you feel those little earthquakes a few weeks back? Now is the perfect time to check on your emergency supplies and update them.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

As of the last Sunday in April, peaches have made their first 2013 appearance at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. Arnett Farms has yellow, white and white donut peaches. They are from the first picking, are small and will need a few days to ripen. While they don't have the great flavor they will in about a month, you can already taste the days of summer with these peaches.

Other first sightings at the market are zucchini: green, yellow and round varieties. In the next weeks be on the lookout for white corn, eggplant (including Chinese and Japanese varieties), peppers, green beans, long green beans and white long beans.

For your home garden, Elser's Country Farm is selling heirloom tomato plants, heirloom peppers and stevia (the natural sweetener). More information on how to use stevia is available on their Facebook page. Maria Elser expects to have plants available through June.

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.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigrr1@gmail.com.

Deadline for the June issue is Monday, May 27, 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.

SPRING CONCERT

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
11555 National Blvd, LA, CA 90064

Saturday, May 11, 2013
4pm

Featuring:

St. Andrew's Choir

Angel City Chorale

Galina Barskaya, classical piano

Quentin Alexander Derac, classical piano

Marybeth Newton, flute

Southern California Recorder Society

Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door

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!



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