

# North Westdale News

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## ELECTION of Nwana Officers

At our May 14, 2012 Meeting: 7:00 PM  
St. Andrew's Church (Federal & National)

### MAY 14 MEETING AGENDA

ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
COMMITTEE REPORTS

### From The President's Desk:



Dear North Westdale Neighbors,  
"As you should know by now the yearly officer elections are upon us. Listed below are some of your neighbors that have reached out to me recently wanting to get more involved with the NWNA. I have included a short blurb that they have written so that you may be able to get to know them a little before the elections. If you haven't had the chance to reach out early, don't fret. On the night of the elections any resident of North Westdale over the age of 18 may be submitted to run for any office. Additionally the elections will be run and certified by a volunteer third party and all ballots will be anonymous. You cannot vote however if you don't make it to the meeting so please show up and cast your ballot.

I will be running again for the president of the NWNA and additionally in the fall again for my seat on the MVCC.

A big thank you to Marty Rubin who volunteered to edit this newsletter as Vicki recovers at home with her new baby.

*Bill*

Bill Koontz, President, NWNA

### CALENDAR

**May 14:** NWNA Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church  
**May 15:** NWNA Book Club Meeting (See page 2).  
**May 16:** NWNA Airport Committee Meeting (See page 2).  
**June 11:** NWNA Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church

### Candidate statements:

#### Vice President:

##### Richard Pinckert—2819 Barry Ave

After growing up in North Westdale I am proud to continue to call it home. Graduating from USC has fortunately kept me close and I would be honored to have an opportunity to serve my community. My mother used to give so much of her time to the neighborhood teaching at Richland and I try to do the most I can by volunteering with a program called ACE that exposes high school kids to the field of architecture and engineering. I'd love the chance to lend a hand and lift North Westdale to new heights and represent all the neighbors that I've gotten to know through the years."

##### Martin Rubin—2822 Barry Ave

Having been active with the NWNA for about 15 years, I feel that as Vice President, I would be able to assist Bill Koontz in continuing the growth of our North Westdale Neighborhood Association. Strengthening the voice of our neighborhood has been and will continue to be a priority of mine.

#### Secretary:

##### Eri Kreitman -

Born and raised on the Westside, I am currently a proud and grateful resident of the North Westdale neighborhood. When my husband, Josh, and I began planning for a family, we had to choose between staying in North Westdale and renovating or moving to a larger home elsewhere. It was an easy decision, we could not ask for better neighbors and friends. We LOVE Westdale! In 2000, I founded Heaven on Earth Society for Animals, an organization dedicated to ending the pet overpopulation crisis and improving quality of life of homeless animals. I continue to serve as volunteer Executive Director and am very proud of our growth and accomplishments. In 2007, we welcomed into our home our first foster child who we have since adopted and is now 4 years old. We now have 3 children and growing. Now that the kids are just a little easier to care for, I'm ready to get more involved in my immediate community and would love to begin that adventure as Secretary of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association.

### UPDATES

For the latest updated treasurer's report and all updated schedules and classes at Richland Avenue Elementary please visit our web site at [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com)

## Keeping an eye open for more than crime. By Joan Rubin

It was 5:30 on a Saturday afternoon and we were on a walk along National Blvd. going north towards Butler Ave., when I noticed that the fairly-new sidewalk was dramatically lifted and cracked since I walked by it just the day before. The huge Italian stone pine tree was leaning into the cables, putting stress on the telephone pole. The threat of it falling over alarmed us to call our L.A. Councilman Bill Rosendahl. Fate would have it that Bill was close by and he came right over in just a few minutes. He observed the tree and immediately made phone calls that

definitely activated the process of getting this emergency situation taken care of. We are all so fortunate to have this wonderful man as our councilman. Normally, calling 311 is recommended, but in this case Councilman Rosendahl had crews arriving in less than 20 minutes. It's important to be aware of our surroundings and I am very glad that I happened to look down that afternoon and realize the threat to our public safety. Although necessary, it is still sad to see another magnificent tree removed.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bnigr1@gmail.com).

Deadline for the June issue is Monday, May 28, 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. NWN strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.*

### NWNA Santa Monica Airport (SMO) Committee

At the April 18 committee meeting we voted to request that the South Coast Air Quality Management District treat SMO using the Individual Source Rule. This will be put to a vote at the May 14 NWNA monthly meeting. To learn more come to our May 16 meeting at 12016 Clarkson Road. Contact Chair Martin Rubin - (310) 479-2529 - [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net).



### NWNA Book Club This month's selection: Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt Discussion to be held on Tuesday, May 15.

For details or to join the mailing list, email Lillia Singer at [bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PARENTS



**Two new North Westdale deliveries arrive one day apart; one to NWNA President Bill Koontz; one to former President Tony Sanelli.**



Bill and Jessica Koontz's son Oliver William Koontz was born 4/20/12 a week and a half early at 6 lbs 11oz and 19". Both mother and son are home happy and healthy.

Tony and Vicki Sanelli's daughter Lorelai Juniper Sanelli was born 4/21/12 5 weeks early at 5 lbs. 18.5" Both mom and baby are home and doing great.

### 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

### Block Captains Wanted!

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

Interested? Then don't hesitate.

**Please contact:  
 Block Captain Leader Marty Rubin at  
 (310) 479-2529—Thank you!**

**We're on the web!**

[www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com)

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Go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA>

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