

# North Westdale News

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## Message From the President:

Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. I still have a huge bowl of candy left over so feel free to stop on by so I don't have to eat it all myself.

Seriously though, a big thank you to everyone that visited the Richland Elementary Scare Faire and Haunted House. Another big thanks to every one that participated in the Mega Garage Sale and to Tony for putting it together.

The Mar Vista Fall Festival went amazingly well for being a slightly overcast day. Several thousand people showed up to the park to enjoy all the festivities. On a more serious note, the old Bundy Village project that was defeated a few years ago is back. This time it is called the Martin Expo Town Center and planned to be a huge

mixed use space. They are claiming that because it is located near the New Expo line that all the people living and shopping there will take the train and not drive their cars so there will be no impact to the surrounding communities. There was a recent article in the "Patch" about this and the MVCC will be keeping a close eye on it. Feel free to email me if you would like to get involved in fighting this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

Bill Koontz  
President, NWNA



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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Nov 12:** NWNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

**Oct 10:** Santa Monica Airport Subcommittee Meeting, 6pm at 12130 Sardis Ave.

**Oct 16:** NWNA Book Club Meeting to discuss *The Moviegoer* by Walker Percy, 7pm.

**Dec 1:** St. Andrew's Holiday Fair, 8am-2pm, 11555 National.

**Dec 2:** Alley Cats Gathering, 2pm at 11440 Clarkson.

**Dec 2:** Richland Avenue Holiday Fair, 3pm-7pm at Richland Avenue Elementary.

## Support Your Neighborhood, Please Pay Dues This Month!



**Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household**

The dues pay our minimal operating costs - use of a meeting hall, website hosting, newsletter printing, as well as supporting initiatives and organizations concerned with improving the neighborhood (like last month's neighborhood garage sale!). Thanks to all the neighbors who have already contributed!

Suggested donation starts at \$10 per household. You can give your donation to your block captain or mail it to NWNA, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

## Safety First!

### Bill's Safety Corner

By: Bill Koontz

Did anyone besides me actually participate in the Big Shakeout? Even if you missed it there is still time to review your earthquake plan with your family and check

your supplies. Also keep vigilant for any suspicious activity on your block and as the holidays get near, keep an eye out for package thefts.



**NEXT NWNA  
MEETING  
MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12  
7PM**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

# Make a Difference About SanMo Airport

## A Message From Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution



### WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE about SANTA MONICA AIRPORT.

NORTH WESTDALE is the most impacted by Santa Monica Airport.

Regarding Santa Monica Airport Community Noise/Air Pollution Complaints, everything you need can be found on this web page:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~craap/id18.html>

#### Does it do any good to complain?

The following is taken from the Santa Monica Airport's website: [http://www.smgov.net/Departments/Airport/For\\_Our\\_Neighbors/File\\_a\\_Complaint.aspx](http://www.smgov.net/Departments/Airport/For_Our_Neighbors/File_a_Complaint.aspx)

#### File a Complaint

Our neighbors turn to us for answers. When you call to voice your concerns and objection to aircraft operations, you help us gauge and better

understand what's occurring in your community. In return, we take appropriate action by verifying the source of your complaint using our sophisticated web-based AirScene software. This allows us to educate pilots, aircraft owners and operators when we contact them in writing, by telephone or in person. Your airport recognizes the value in obtaining feedback from you. If you have a complaint about aircraft operations or want our noise management team to look into an event there are several ways getting in contact with us.

- Noise Hotline: (310) 458-8692
- Email
- File a Noise Complaint using our on-line form
- WebTrak
- Visit our office during business hours (Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM and alternate Fridays 8:00AM - 5:00 PM)
- Mail your request to following address:

Santa Monica Municipal Airport  
Attn: Noise Management Office  
3223 Donald Douglas Loop South  
Santa Monica, CA 90405

How to complain about jet emissions is not apparent. However, they note them in a new pie-chart. So: Do take the time to record your complaints about fumes too!

If you have questions or problems contact me.

Thank you!  
Martin Rubin  
(310)-479-2529  
[martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net)

For more information and updates, visit [www.jetairpollution.com](http://www.jetairpollution.com) or contact:  
Martin Rubin - (Vice President WNA - Chair NWNA Airport Committee, Vice Chair Mar Vista Community Council Airport Committee, Director: Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution)

## 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!

## “The Alley Cats” Gather and Watch

By: Sue Funkhouser  
NEXT ALLEY CAT GATHERING  
Sunday, December 2  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Ted and Sue's (11440 Clarkson)

#### The Alley Cat Neighborhood Watch October Meeting Notes

1. Our next Alley gathering will be on Sunday December 2nd from 2-4 at Ted and Sue's house on Clarkson.

Please put it on your calendar! We'll distribute flyers closer to the date.

2. Kampton will buy two neighborhood watch metal signs for \$60 and will post (with help from Ted who is also going to keep trying to reach Officer Drake) on each end of the alleyway. At the gathering, we ask that you bring cash to chip in for the signs.

3. Sue called bulk item pick up for the large bookshelves in the alley to be picked up.

4. Please post house #'s on rear of house so if we see something suspicious or your garage door is open we can call the police or look at the roster to call you. Two people added their numbers since last month...we need more!



# The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Before you feast, remember those in need. Participate in Richland's Thanksgiving Food Drive and donate canned foods or Ralph's gift cards to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Please drop off any donations by November 14 at the Richland main office.

trees for sale in the garden. And delicious food trucks (The Fry Girl Inc, The Bun Truck and The Cupcake Place). PLUS Family Movie Screening of Madagascar 3 at 6pm!



way to give a gift and support Richland at the same time! For questions or more information, contact Karen Ritchey at acnmgk22@yahoo.com.

## CHRISTMAS TREES! ORDER BY NOV 30

Get a fresh cut, high quality Douglas Fir, Noble Fir or Nordman Tree conveniently right here in North Westdale! Order your tree by Nov 30 and pick up from Richland Avenue Elementary on Dec 7-8. Download an order form from the Richland Booster Club website or contact Leslie at 310-621-4963.



## 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](http://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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), Richland Group ID #LL43451C26655. It's a great

• The School Cents Program will be back at the Westside Pavilion starting September 15! Don't forget to bring your receipts to the Customer Service Desk on the 2nd Floor. Every mall purchase counts!

- 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. \*
- 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 programs.

## HOLIDAY FAIR DECEMBER 2, 3PM-7PM

You'll find great gifts for everyone on your list! Handmade crafts plus Tupperware, Arbonne Cosmetics, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, jewelry, American Express Gift Cards and more! Also, Rogersland Christmas

# St. Andrew's Events: 11555 National Blvd

## PIANO CONCERT NOV 18, 3PM

Given by Galina Barskaya, Music Director at St. Andrew's Church. The concert will feature the music of Bach, Debussy and Shostakovich. Free admission, free parking, freewill offering. Held at: 1343 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405 (Note, location is not at the church).



## HOLIDAY EVENT DEC 1, 8AM-2PM

Bake Sale, Coffee, Chocolates, Basket Raffle, Jewelry Vendors, Holiday Gifts and More!

## BLOOD DRIVE DEC 9, 8AM-2PM

Every blood donation saves up to 3 people's lives! To register to online go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call (310) 477-0257. Be sure to

reference code  
STANDREWSWESTLA.



**American Red Cross**

## LIFELINE SCREENING, JAN 8

Low cost medical screening to determine risk for stroke, cardiovascular disease and other life-threatening conditions.



Join Our Baby Play Group! Email Vicki Sanelli at [bunigrrl@gmail.com](mailto:bunigrrl@gmail.com).

## Monthly Farmers Market Report

There are two new food vendors at the Mar Vista Farmers Market who share a single space. One of them is Truly Gourmet Ice Cream selling non-dairy, honey-sweetened sorbets made from a coconut liquid base. The sorbets are hand made using the highest quality ingredients. Flavors available their first week at the market were lime, chocolate and coconut. Sharing the space is Market Burger. Here you can buy a grass-fed burger made from Dey Dey's Best Beef, Les Delice du Four's ciabatta roll, topped with lettuce, tomato and onion from The Garden of . . . , a true collaboration of the MVFM.

Be sure to visit Pomme Frites for authentic Belgian fries. Accompany your fries with one (or more) of the following sauces: chipotle mayo, pesto mayo, pineapple teriyaki, honey mustard, curry catsup, horseradish, to name just a few.

Jimenez Family Farm from Santa Ynez carries a great selection of produce which is grown using organic practices in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. Some of their farm grown fruits are used in Marcie's Pies which are sugar-free vegan desserts (the crisps do contain butter). Their strawberry rhubarb crisp was chosen one of the top ten pies in LA County by the LA Weekly. Pies vary with the season, so expect to see pecan pies, pumpkin pies and the pie of the month: October's was apple rum raisin. Marcie makes her pies the day before they come to the market. Don't forget to reserve a pie for Thanksgiving.



### Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

## NWNA Book Club

Next Meeting: January 15, 2013

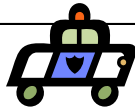
Next Selection:

### A Pigeon and a Boy

by Meir Shalev



## Police Report



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

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 10/1/12 - 10/31/12:

Aggravated Assaults 0  
Burglary (Vehicle) 16  
Robbery 5  
Burglary (Res/Biz) 18

Grand Theft Auto 8  
Homicide 0  
Sex 1  
Theft 15

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has continued to have a problem with Burglary (Business/Residential) in our area. Overall crime has increased in almost all categories, but residential burglary has remained our biggest problem. Remember, never leave your home unsecured when you are not there.

Leaving windows, patio doors and pet doors unsecured is a clear invitation for a burglary suspect. All doors and windows should be locked and secured, pet doors should also be locked. Do not leave upper level windows open, suspects can gain entry in unlikely places. Join your Neighborhood Watch Program, it is still the best tool against crime. If you observe any suspicious or criminal activities, call the police right away.

### North Westdale Neighborhood Association

|                   |                  |
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| President         | Bill Koontz      |
| Vice President    | Martin Rubin     |
| Treasurer         | Wayne Matsuyama  |
| Secretary         | Eri Kriteam      |
| 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 [bunigrri@gmail.com](mailto:bunigrri@gmail.com).

Deadline for the December issue is Monday, November 26, 2012.

*The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA) 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. NWNNA 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)

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Go to:

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