

# North Westdale News

P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064

VOLUME 34, ISSUE 2

OCTOBER 2012

## Message From the President:

Greetings Neighbors,

We had a nice turnout for last months meeting. It seems as though I have been seeing more fresh faces and meeting more new neighbors lately. This month we should be having the new principal of Richland Ave. Elem. stop in for a visit.

And speaking of turnout, the Mar Vista Community Council is holding elections Sunday, Oct 28th for 10am to 2pm at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market on the corner of Venice and Grandview.

Traditionally North Westdale has had some of the lowest turnout numbers of any of the zones in Mar Vista. I would love to send a message to the rest of the board that we do care about our neighborhood and we are involved in helping shape it. I encourage you to please swing by, check out the

Farmers Market and cast your vote. You can find more details on [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org).



Finally we are starting the dues collection season again. So block Captains get ready to start guiltig your neighbors into coughing up a few bucks. Just kidding. Seriously though your dues help fund this advertisement free newsletter, our meetings and some charitable donations to the kids at Richland.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

Bill Koontz  
President, NWNA

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Farmers Mkt Report	Pg 2
Airport Committee	Pg 2
Richland Report	Pg 3
NWNA Book Club	Pg 3
Dues Reminder	Pg 4
West Nile Virus	Pg 4
Bill's Safety Corner	Pg 4

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Oct 8:** 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.

**Oct 27:** 8th Annual MEGA Garage Sale, 8am-2pm, all over North Westdale.

**Oct 27:** Richland Avenue Scare Fair, 12pm-4pm at Richland Avenue Elementary.

**Oct 28:** MVCC Elections, 10am-2pm at Mar Vista Farmers' Market.

## LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!



## 8th Annual North Westdale MEGA Garage Sale

Saturday, October 27

Time to clean out those closets and reorganize the garage as we get ready for this year's MEGA Garage Sale! NWNA will organize advertising and signage. All you have to do is put your sale items out in your front yard! It's a fun way to clear out the clutter and also make a little money. It's also a great way to help the environment by encouraging people to reuse rather than buy new! To participate, contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or via email at [tony@sanellimortgage.com](mailto:tony@sanellimortgage.com) before October 20.

### Tony's Tips

- Have small bills and coins on hand to make change
- Save grocery and shopping bags to put sold items in
- Have newspaper available to wrap fragile items
- Invite your friends and family to join your sale—you'll have more stuff to sell and it's fun to have people to hang out with and help deal with customers
- Organize your display so it's easy to browse through (i.e. books/CDs with spines out)

NEXT NWNA  
MEETING  
**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 8  
7PM**

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

### Monthly Farmers Market Report

The Mar Vista Farmers Market continues to grow with new vendors and lots of activities. Sun Smiling Valley Farms from Fresno recently made their first appearance at the market. They specialize in mushrooms with King Oyster, Beech and Shimeji varieties. All can be used in pizzas or pastas, sautéed or deep fried. They also offer packages with two or three of the varieties for you to try. They are selling dried bitter melon which can be made into a tea, which they claim has various health benefits.

On October 14 at 10:30 AM, David King of the Venice High Learning Garden will be at the MVFM to talk about Genetically Modified Organisms in our food supply and Proposition 37. September 30th is the Family Dance Jam and LA Costume Swap. Bring a gently used costume on that date to be swapped for a “new to you” costume on October 14 and 28th. October 28th will include pumpkin decorating and parade. Day of the Dead celebrations will take place on November 4th.

P.O.P. Candy Co. is continually coming up with new flavors of their delicious butter crunch candies. Their new offering for spring and summer was mint & maple, suggested by a young customer from the MVFM. Look for upcoming seasonal flavors using pumpkin spice, pecans and perhaps brown sugar. There’s also the possibility of parmesan, saffron, espresso, anise, cranberries, ginger and vanilla flavors. Check them out the third Sunday of each month, next on October 21.



#### Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

### Santa Monica Airport Subcommittee Report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13 at 6pm



By: Martin Rubin, NWN Airport Committee Chair

CRAAP’s September 13th Santa Monica City Council Candidates forum focused on Santa Monica Airport was a success and received well by all. Approximately 100 attended to hear all 15 candidates answer questions and give their views regarding the airport.

Newcomers to North Westdale are urged to sign-

up on CRAAP’s Contact List at [www.jetairpollution.com](http://www.jetairpollution.com).

The forum as well as other topics will be discussed at our upcoming:

**NWNA - Airport Committee Meeting**  
**When: Wednesday October 10, 2012, 6:00 PM**  
**Where: 12130 Sardis Avenue, L.A., 90064**

Please RSVP to Chair: Martin Rubin - [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net) 310-479-2529

### Mar Vista Community Council Elections

Sunday, October 28, 10 AM - 2 PM

Mar Vista Farmers Market

(Venice and Grandview)

the MVCC is holding elections for all seats this Sunday Oct. 28th from 10am to 2pm at the Mar Vista Farmers Market on the corner of Venice and Grandview. Please come enjoy the market and cast your vote for the future of Mar Vista!



The North Westdale Neighborhood Association is in Zone 2 of the Mar Vista Community Council. For more information, please visit us online at <http://www.MarVista.org>

# The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

## SCARE FAIR and HAUNTED HOUSE DAYS!

Richland Scare Fair will be held October 27 12-4pm. Come enjoy Halloween fun and games for the entire family!!

Richland's Haunted House is also back! Come to Richland Avenue for some Halloween Fright. Haunted House Hours will be:

- Fri, October 26 5-8pm
- Sat, October 27 12-4pm and 5-8pm
- Tues, October 30 5-8pm
- Wed, October 31 5-8pm



## SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

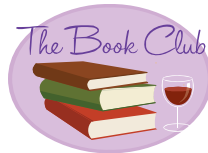
You don't have to have school-aged children to help our neighborhood school! There are lots of simple ways our entire neighborhood can support our local public school,

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 way to give a gift and support Richland at the same time! For questions or more information, contact Karen Ritchey at [acnmk22@yahoo.com](mailto:acnmk22@yahoo.com).
- 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 NWN meeting.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot. **\*NOTE: if you are a Ralph's Club Card user, you need to re-register your card!\***
- 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.

## NWNA Book Club

Next Selection:  
**The Moviegoer**  
by Walker Percy



Join us on Tuesday, October 16, at 7pm for a discussion of *The Moviegoer*, by novelist Walker Percy. Set in New Orleans, *The Moviegoer*, established Walker Percy as one of the major voices in Southern literature. It won the 1961 National Book Award and is today a modern American classic.

For meeting location or to join the book club email list to be notified of upcoming reading selections, please contact Lillia Singer at [bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net).

## 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!**

## Attention Parents of New Babies!

Hello neighbors! As some of you may know, your newsletter editor (Vicki Sanelli) had a baby earlier this year. If you have a new baby too and would be interested in starting a local playgroup, please contact me at [bunigr1@gmail.com](mailto:bunigr1@gmail.com). Or if you know of an established one that is looking for new members, please let me know! Thanks!



# 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 this month's neighborhood garage sale!).

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.

## 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 [bunigr1@gmail.com](mailto:bunigr1@gmail.com).

Deadline for the October issue is Monday, September 24, 2012.

*The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNA) 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.*

## Fight the Bite!

### Help Track West Nile Virus, Report Dead Birds and Squirrels

West Nile virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne disease that was originally found in Africa and has spread throughout the United States.



illness which can include permanent neurological effects and death.



WNV causes more serious illnesses in the corvid birds, which includes crows, jays, ravens and magpies, and also tree squirrels.

WNV is most often contracted from infected mosquitoes. It is not spread through casual contact. WNV affects the central nervous system. While 80 percent of people who become infected with WNV will not show any symptoms, others will display symptoms which can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting and swollen lymph glands or a skin rash. Symptoms last for just a few days up to several weeks. A very small number of people (less than 1%) may develop severe

For complete information on WNV, including maps showing infections by county go to:

**[www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov)**

Please help the California Department of Public Health track WNV activity. Report all dead birds and squirrels online at the site listed above or by calling 1-877-968-2473.

## Police Report

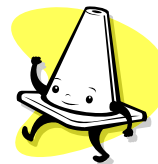


Senior Lead Officer  
Drake Madison  
[33997@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:33997@lapd.lacity.org)  
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

Updated Pacific Division Report was not available at the time of print.

## Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

In the last two weeks there has been a string of home burglaries just to the south of us in Westdale. Please lock your houses when you leave and keep your eyes out for any suspicious activity. Thank you.

**We're on the web!**

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