

North Westdale News

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

NWNA — General Meeting:

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00 PM

Saint Andrew's Church Fellowship Hall
11555 National Blvd Los Angeles, 90064 (Federal & National)

Guest Speakers

STATE SENATOR TED LIEU

L.A. COUNCILMAN MIKE BONIN

**SANTA MONICA AIRPORT COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN DAVID GODDARD**

David Goddard will report on the latest developments regarding SMO.
Q&A session to follow.



FROM AIRPORT TO PARK

Turning Santa Monica Airport into a Park for Everyone

You are invited to a free, open-to-the-public
COMMUNITY-VISION WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 3, 2013, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Mount Olive Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd., S.M. 90405

(Parking is limited at the church; please walk, bicycle, take public transportation, or find parking nearby.)

In July 2015, the City of Santa Monica's 1984 agreement with the FAA expires. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to re-purpose an enormous and unique land parcel as our largest park. Let's make this happen.

★ Sports fields for all ages ★ Trails for hiking, jogging, and cycling ★ Playgrounds for children ★ Activities for seniors
★ Artworks and cultural facilities ★ Natural habitat, gardens and quiet places ★

Come join neighbors to imagine what this park could be! Let's build a park!

For more information, visit www.airport2park.org, a coalition of residents that includes Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic (www.casmat.org), Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (www.jetairpollution.com), and Sunset Park Anti-Airport, Inc. (www.spaareidents.org).

Please join us to turn Santa Monica Airport into a great park for everyone!



I want to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back as we begin the 2013-14 school year and extend a special welcome to our new families. We are very happy and fortunate to have you join the Richland community. Thanks to the hard work and collaboration between school, parents, and the community, 2012-2013 proved to be a wonderfully successful year.

Richland demonstrated increases in academic achievement, parent involvement, enrichment programs, and fundraising. We look forward to building on our successes from last year and we will continue to work hard to provide our students the high quality, differentiated instruction they deserve.

Gerard Granade - Richland Avenue School Principal

Our new NWNNA President Martin Rubin met with Principal Gerard Granade and discussed what are the opportunities for our NWNNA members to help the Richland Tigers. **Here are a few:** *Tutoring in class; Career Day where a professional will talk to 6th graders about their profession; School Beautification; Donations of old Computers etc.*

For more information contact the Principal - gxg1861@lausd.net or call (310) 473-0467

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:

*Participate in the School Cents Program at the Westside Pavilion and Santa Monica Place Malls Sept 1, 2013-May 15, 2014, log your receipts at the customer Service Desk to earn points for Richland. At the end of the program, Richland will receive a gift card for points logged. Every point counts!

*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 acnmgk22@yahoo.com.

*Save General Mills Box Tops and Drop them off at the school office.

*Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's at www.ralph's.com, Food4Les & Von's Card through www.escrip.com all cards must be re-registered beginning September 1! Visit www.northwestdale.com to learn about more ways.



NWNA Book Club

(This month's selection): **CANADA** by Richard Ford
Meeting: September 19

Anyone who is interested in more details, or would like to join the mailing list, email Lillia Singer at: bellagardendesign@att.net

Interested in a Garden Committee?

Some of us fondly remember the community garden at the southeast corner of the Richland Elementary School. In fact, its very existence was a compelling reason to move into the neighborhood.

Sadly, the garden was shut down soon after we settled in & it saddens me every time I drive by the garden and see the gate locked. Does anyone else feel the same loss?

As a Master Gardener since 2002, I'd like to see the community garden restored so that neighbors, school families, teachers & students can all share this incredible resource to grow affordable food, support the school's curriculum & bring the community together with gardening workshops & potluck meals.

If anyone shares this vision of restoring the community garden and would be interested in creating a garden committee to explore the return of the Richland community garden, please contact me at anniecipolla@ca.rr.com

NWNA General Meeting Schedule
September, 2013 through June, 2014
Note the change of day. Mark your calendars and please do attend!
St Andrew's Lutheran Church
11555 National Blvd.
Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays 7:00 PM
September 25, 2013
October 23, 2013
December 11, 2013
January 22, 2014
March 26, 2014
May 28, 2014
June 25, 2014

September 25, 2013
NWNA Meeting
AGENDA
I. Call to order
II. Approval of Minutes
III. Announcements
IV. Treasurer's Report
V. Guest Speakers ; Q&A
VI. Committee Reports
VII. Public Comment
VIII. Adjournment

CALENDAR
Sept.10 - Airport Comm.
Sept.15 - SMO Bike Ride
Sept.19 - Book Club
Oct. 03 - "Airport to Park"
Oct. 05 - Oktoberfest
Oct. 23 - NWNA Meeting
Oct. 26 - Mega Garage Sale



A Message From the NWNA President:

As I take on the responsibilities of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association President, I want to stress the importance of community involvement. There are a variety of ways to get involved starting with letting us know your ideas and your concerns. Also, you can be part of a committee or help form a new committee. Community involvement is essential to not only protecting

what we have, but also to enriching and strengthening our neighborhood. Get involved by becoming a Block Captain to distribute our NWNA News-letter to a block or two.

I encourage youth and new young families I see taking walks with their children and their dogs to also participate.

I and other local communities leaders have been following development projects that will affect our traffic and our quality of life (Casden at Pico and Sawtelle, and Martin Cadillac at Bundy and Olympic).

Crime prevention is an issue that the NWNA was founded on, and it continues to be an issue of great concern.

Naturally, as Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, the critical environmental, health, and safety issues surrounding Santa Monica Airport remains a top priority of mine. Contact me if it is a concern of yours.

Efforts to address these and other serious issues are greatly helped by large numbers of community members being involved. Visit www.northwestdale.com and www.jetairpollution.com for more information.

The NWNA has a history of promoting involvement with Richland Avenue Elementary School. A new garden committee may be forming.

Please contact me with your ideas. I look forward to working together with you here in North Westdale.

Feel free to email me at martinrubin@earthlink.net, or call me at 310-479-2529.

Thank you, **Martin Rubin, President, NWNA**

NWNA OFFICERS

Martin Rubin, President

(310) 479-2529 -

martinrubin@earthlink.net

Tony Sanelli, Vice President

Joan Winters, Secretary

Wayne Matsuyama, Treasurer

Want to get more involved?

Block Captains and Alternates needed!

Help to energize our neighborhood!

It's easy and takes very little of your time.

Have a story idea or news, or an event that might be of interest to the neighborhood?

Contact NWNA President Martin Rubin

Deadline for the October Newsletter is Monday, September 30, 2013.

Treasurer's Report

North Westdale Neighborhood Association
Cash Sources and Uses

For the nine months ending June 30, 2013

Cash as of July 1, 2012 \$ 6,534.07

Source

Dues Received 2,730.00

Total sources of cash **2,730.00**

Uses

Newsletter (2,828.58)

Meeting Hall Rental (400.00)

Web hosting (82.53)

Advertising-mega garage sale (109.21)

Charitable donation (150.00)

Post office box (44.00)

Bank & Paypal charges (629.82)

Block Party (629.82)

Total uses of cash (4,266.76)

Cash as of June 30, 2013 **\$ 4,997.31**

Mar Vista Farmers Market

www.marvistafarmersmarket.org

Sundays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Grand View and Venice Blvd.

Carpinteria is a small beach community with a population of approximately 13,000 located just north of the Ventura County line and south of Santa Barbara. Three vendors from Carpinteria sell their products each Sunday at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. Casitas Valley Creamery makes artisanal cheeses with 100% organic milk. It is family owned and operated, making small batches of cheeses. Current offerings at the market include fetas (plain, herb and spicy varieties in organic olive oil) and fresh curds (from the first step in the cheese making process). Curds can be used in salads or tacos, fresh or melted. Casitas Valley Creamery just received their organic produce certification and will start bringing some of their produce to the market.



Join The NWNA E-Mail List

Go to:

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

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

Police Contacts



Senior Lead Officer - Drake Madison

33997@lapd.lacity.org

310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator - Sergeant Pompano

310-482-6334

We're on the web!

www.northwestdale.com

Webmaster Andrew Park aparke@ca.rr.com

YOU ARE INVITED!

Santa Monica Airport Bike Ride

Sunday, Sept 15th, 10am, Clover Park

Learn about Airport Environmental & Land Use Issues
Bike connectivity & creative proposals for a new PARK!



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“Airport to Park” Group BIKE RIDE
around Santa Monica Airport begins at the southern
side of the park next the Santa Monica Airport fence.

Santa Monica Spoke <http://smspoke.org> will sponsor the ride
This will be a fun and informative event.

St. Andrew's Annual Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 5th at 5:30-8:30PM

Please join us for a "gut" time at our annual
family-friendly Oktoberfest celebration.

**Brats, Sauerkraut, beer, dessert, music,
family activities, and much more!**

Parking is available at the church.

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North Westdale is a special neighborhood.

Thank you for letting me be your neighborhood specialist!

Thinking of selling or buying a home? Call me first!

Pete Castro

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NWNA - Airport Committee Meeting

Agenda: Current topics will be discussed at this meeting.

When: Tuesday, September 10 - 6:30 PM

Where: 12130 Sardis Avenue, L.A., 90064

Please RSVP (or for more information) to:
martinrubin@earthlink.net or 310-479-2529

Please also sign-up on Concerned Residents Against Airport
Pollution's Contact List at www.jetairpollution.com.

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The North Westdale Neighborhood Association
is in Zone 2 of the
Mar Vista Community Council.



For more information visit:

<http://www.MarVista.org>