

**ANNUAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006  
7:00 P.M.**

**ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FEDERAL AVENUE & NATIONAL BOULEVARD**

**HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND  
GET INVOLVED!**

# North Westdale News

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## Cracking Up Is Not Always Funny Sidewalk Repair Update for North Westdale

**By: LILLIA SINGER**  
**North Westdale Resident**

The city of Los Angeles grades sidewalk conditions on a scale ranging from Unbelievably Very Bad (UBV) to Not Bad. Only the UBV are placed on the repair/rebuild list since the city does not have the funds to make all repairs.

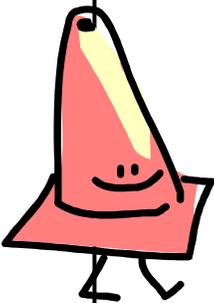
In our neighborhood, only National Boulevard between Federal Avenue and Butler Avenue, and Barry Avenue between Brookhaven Avenue and Richland Avenue were graded as UBV. These two areas will be repaired by the city in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Coolidge Avenue (between Pearl Avenue and Richland Avenue) and Barry Avenue

(between Pearl Avenue and Richland Avenue) were put in the Very Bad category. If funds are available, the city will also repair those areas, but we will not know until after July 3rd if there is money to repair them.

For all other areas, the city offers a 50/50 Program where the city and the homeowner split the cost of repairs. The necessary repairs can be done immediately. If you are interested, you should call Shelly at (818) 374-6857 and request an estimated.

If the sidewalk in front of your residence presents a real hazard, it may help if you, as a concerned homeowner, were to write or call Jim Horwitz, Constituent Advocate for West Los Angeles in Bill Rosendahl's office. Contact Jim at [jim.horwitz@lacity.org](mailto:jim.horwitz@lacity.org) or call (310)575-8461.



## Mom's Support Network!

Would you like to join a network of neighborhood moms? Get together to talk about mom issues, trade babysitting times, exchange ideas on child raising issues, be a support network, take stroller walks, exchange recipes for quick dinners, plan family outings, trade baby clothes and baby items no longer needed and establish a tree phone for emergencies.

Contact Karen at (310) 473-0305 or  
[ACNMGK22@yahoo.com](mailto:ACNMGK22@yahoo.com)

### SAVE THE DATE!

Next North  
Westdale  
Neighborhood  
Meeting

Monday,  
June 12

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

Find out what's  
going on in the  
neighborhood.  
Hear what's  
happening with  
schools, airport  
issues, the Mar  
Vista Community  
Council,  
neighborhood  
events, crime  
statistics and  
more.

Be There or Be  
Square!

## Let Your Garden Go To Pot: Container Gardening Class

**By: LILLIA SINGER**  
**North Westdale Resident**

Please join me on Saturday, July 8, 2006 at Descanso Gardens for this great opportunity to learn how to spice up your outdoor garden, patio or walkway, with a well designed grouping of containers. Discover the best plants to use, how to care for them and how to arrange containers for the best look. Understand how potting mixtures, proper watering and feeding help keep plants healthy. You will get tips as

you plant a 12-inch container to take home.

This class is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Classroom B. After the class

you will have plenty of time to enjoy beautiful Descanso Gardens.

Cost for the class is \$20 for members, \$25 for the general public and \$25 for materials. There is no additional

entry fee.

Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 about a 35-minute drive from West Los Angeles.

For more information call Lillia Singer at 310.444.0687, the Gardens directly at 818.949.4200 or go to



## Santa Monica Airport Update from Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (C.R.A.A.P.)

**By: MARTY RUBIN**  
**North Westdale Resident**

Have you noticed the set of air quality monitors placed near the southwest corner of the Richland Avenue School schoolyard? The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is conducting a study to compare the air around Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and Van Nuys Airport to the air in the SCAQMD basin. It will monitor certain elements of the air for two, alternating, three-month periods by SMO as well as Van Nuys. It may sound good, but don't get your hopes up. It won't be till next June before the results are available and the study is not designed to look at what we are most concerned about; and that is the odors of raw jet kerosene we so often smell throughout the day. There is another set of monitors set up at a residence in a cul-de-sac just east of the airport.

California State Assemblyman, Ted Lieu, has introduced legislation that would require the Santa Monica Airport to record the taxi/idle times of aircraft operations for one year and make the information available

to the public monthly. The bill, AB 2501, passed through the full Assembly and will now go to Senate side of the California legislature. If the bill passes through the Senate and is then signed by the Governor, the data required could then be used in computer modeling studies to show the extent of kerosene odors and pollution into the surrounding communities. Modeling studies will be able to do what the SCAQMD study presently underway can't do. If you want to know more about this and how you can help (phone calls, letter writing, e-mails to our State Senator), contact CRAAP Director, Martin Rubin.

Since last November's Town Hall regarding Santa Monica Airport put on by Councilman Bill Rosendahl and CRAAP, the "Panel of Experts", assembled on stage, has held three meetings to determine the best approach to our airport impacts. The plans are for the Panel to meet one more time before we hold another Town Hall to give the public a progress report. The Town Hall will probably be in early October, 2006.

## Correction to March Newsletter

In the March "North Westdale News", one item represented in the list of current projects that NWN members are working on was, "Arranging for airport pollution studies and lobbying airport and city officials to restrict jet traffic."

More correctly, it is the group Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, based within our NWN boundaries, who has been extremely active in addressing the issues about the Santa Monica Airport's impacts on the surrounding communities. They have been doing all this and more, for the most part, at their own expense.

Director, Martin Rubin wants you to know that it takes a lot of work and persistence to enact change. To learn more about them or if you want to donate or help them with their efforts regarding Santa Monica Airport, visit [www.jetairpollution.com](http://www.jetairpollution.com) or call Director, Martin Rubin at (310) 479-2529.

**North Westdale Neighborhood Association**

President	Pete Castro
1st Vice President	Sigita Blum
2nd Vice President	Jim Donaldson
Secretary	Amy Levy
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 Pete Castro at (310) 422-6170.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at [bunigrrl@gmail.com](mailto:bunigrrl@gmail.com).

*The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN) serves the community bounded by Bundy Drive, National Boulevard, Sawtelle Boulevard and the Santa Monica Freeway, 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.*

*Meetings are held the second Monday of every month (except July and August) at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on National & Federal. All neighbors are welcome to attend.*

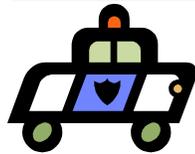
## Join The North Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to:

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

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

**We're on the web!**  
[www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com)



### Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
Craig White - Cell Phone  
# 310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano - 310-  
482-6334

#### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing March 18, 2006 through April 15, 2006:

Aggravated Assaults	1
Burglary / Theft from vehicle	9
Robbery	4
Burglary (Residential/Business)	11
Grand Theft Auto	5
Homicide	0
Sex	0

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 had an decrease in over all crime in our area. We still have work to do in reducing residential burglaries in our area. With the heat rising we tend to leave rear windows open for additional ventilation thus creating easy access for a criminal to enter your home. Lock and secure all doors/windows even on the second and third levels. Set lights, radio and televisions on timers to give the impression that someone is home. Have neighbors remove your mail and newspaper on a daily basis also giving the im-

pression that you are home. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

#### Safety Tip

Child sexual abuse safety tips:

Child sexual abuse is any sexual activity with a minor child. Sexual abuse can be physical (rape, fondling or inappropriate touching) or nonphysical (indecent exposure, allowing a child to watch sex acts, or plain talking about sex for the shock value to spark curiosity).