

North Westdale News

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April Nwana Meeting: Board Nominations Time! Your Chance to Become More Involved in Your Community

Do you have ideas about how our neighborhood could be improved? Well now is your chance to do something about it! Every spring, North Westdale Neighborhood Association holds board member elections for the following year (September to June) and it's now time to start the process!

Please come to our next meeting to find out more



about the open board positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. We will also open the floor to nominations so that we can announce the candidates in the next newsletter.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 11 at 7pm and is held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (Federal Avenue & National Boulevard). Take a leadership role and give back to your community!

How Would You Handle Being in a Natural Disaster? Get Prepared With Community Emergency Response Team Training

One of the best ways you can prepare yourself to deal with a major disaster (natural or manmade), is to take advantage of the Los Angeles Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The CERT program is an all-risk, all-hazard training designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation. There is no cost to receive training and trainings are offered all over the city and throughout the year.

In a major emergency, you need to be prepared to be on your own for up to several days as police and fire department resources will likely be overwhelmed repairing and securing the infrastructure of our city. CERT training will teach you to:

- Manage utilities and put out small fires
- Treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating for shock
- Provide basic medical aid
- Search for and rescue victims safely
- Organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective

- And collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

John Thomas Dye School

11414 Chalon Road
Los Angeles 90049
Mondays from 6:30pm-9:30pm
May 2, 9, 16, 23 and June 6, 13
Contact: Firefighter Jensen, (818) 756-9674

Century Plaza Towers

Conference Room A, Concourse Level
2049 Century Park East
Los Angeles 90067
Tuesdays from 1pm-4pm
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7
Contact: Firefighter Jensen, (818) 756-9674

CERT COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, April 27, 7pm-9pm
Fire Station 59 Classroom
11505 West Olympic Blvd
(enter fire station parking lot from Butler)

Topics: (1) ArkStorm Presentation, West Coast Winter Storm Project and (2) "Preparing for Disasters Without Saying Disaster Preparedness" by Dr. Tomo Atsumi, Professor, Osaka University

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Apr 11: Monthly NWNA Meeting. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

Apr 12: In-N-Out Burger Truck School Fundraiser and Open House. 4:30pm-6pm at Richland Avenue Elementary.

Apr 14: MVCC Education Summit. 5pm, Mar Vista Rec Center.

Apr 19: NWNA Book Club meets to discuss *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell.

Apr 27: Battalions 4, 9 and 18 CERT Community Meeting. 7pm-9pm at Fire Station 59, 11505 West Olympic Blvd.

Apr 30: MVCC Green Garden Showcase, 11am-4pm at various locations throughout Mar Vista.

If you have a neighborhood event or club meeting to add, please send details to Vicki Sanelli at bunigrrl@gmail.com.

The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

IN-N-OUT COMES TO NORTH WESTDALE ON APRIL 12!

The In-N-Out burger truck will be at Richland Avenue Elementary on Tuesday, April 12 from 4:30pm-6pm. Pre-order using the form below!

MAY 27 SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS WANTED!

Promote your business by donating a product or service for the Richland Silent Auction and Prize Drawing on Friday, May 27. Contact Kami Turrou at turrschreib@earthlink.net for more information.

UNITED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Help minimize the effect of LAUSD budget cuts with a donation to the

Richland United Giving Campaign. Funds raised will go directly to help restore positions and programs lost to budget cuts. Make checks payable to Richland Booster Club. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by US tax laws.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

And don't forget these simple ways to support our local public school:

- Richland Avenue CSA Program—new cycle starts April 13! Fresh organic produce delivered to the neighborhood every other Wednesday for just \$25 per box. Contact Debi Huang at tj2004@gmail.com

or (310) 963-2344 to sign up.

- The School Cents Program is back at the Westside Pavilion.
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, Albertson's, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program.

Contact the school office at (310) 473-0467 for more info on any of these programs.



is coming to our Open House on Tuesday, April 12th

Food service will be available from 4:30 PM– 6:00PM.
Buy your tickets by Thursday, April 7th to avoid long lines.

Item:	Price	Quantity	Total
Grilled Cheese	\$4.50	_____	_____
Hamburger	\$4.50	_____	_____
Cheeseburger	\$5.50	_____	_____
Double-Double	\$6.50	_____	_____
Chips	\$1.50	_____	_____
20 oz Fountain Drinks	\$2.00	_____	_____

Grand Total: _____

Cash and Checks Accepted

Please make checks payable to **Richland Avenue Booster Club**

Check one of the following:

- Deliver tickets to my class on Friday, April 8th Will pick up at Open House

Student Name: _____ Room #: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Complete and return to the Main Office with your payment by Thursday, April 7th

Green Garden Showcase April 30 MVCC Sponsors Annual Event Featuring Neighborhood Gardens with Great Ideas

By: Laura Bodensteiner

Join us for the third annual Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase on Saturday, April 30th! It's a garden tour that features gardens that are drought tolerant or edible. It is all about sustainability – homeowners have torn out their lawns to conserve water or put it to a better use by planting edible gardens. All of them are eager to share what they have learned in order to inspire others to make the same choice.

This year the tour has grown to feature even more aspects of sustainability. It's also become a showcase of passions. Almost a third have rain barrels, intricate water capture systems or infiltration pits. We feature new methods of farming – aeroponic tower farms and aquaponic. We have three gardens raising chickens! One garden will showcase the effort to revitalize the Monarch Butterfly population. In short, the tour has become a real life eco-festival where you get the chance to see change in action.

18 gardens will have their landscape designers on hand. What a great opportunity for those about to embark on this journey – to see the actual gardens and interview the designer and the homeowner rather than reviewing a portfolio!

Not surprisingly, many of these homeowners have taken steps to conserve both water and power. This year, we are highlighting those that have gone solar with their solar installers on hand to answer questions. The tour is free and self-guided. Most people enjoy making it a walking or bike tour.

Preview the gardens on our blog today – www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.com. There are six prearranged routes you can pick from as well as a special bike route. Or click through to the overall map and design your own custom tour! There are several gardens in the North Westdale area and the MVCC tour registration booth will be located at Mar Vista Park where you can pick up maps the day of the tour. Please email Laura Bodensteiner for more information – laura@marvista.org

Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase – Saturday April 30th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

For a preview, visit
www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.com/



FREE!
3rd Annual
Mar Vista
GREEN
Garden Showcase

Saturday
April 30th
11am - 4pm

Drought-tolerant
landscapes
Edible gardens
Rainwater capture
Homes in transition
to sustainability
National Solar Tour




Safety First!

Bill's Safety Corner



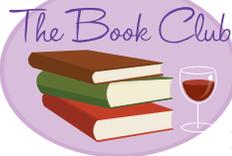
By: Bill Koontz

Now is the perfect time to think about earthquake safety and to update your emergency supplies. Make sure you have ample drinking water, lots of fresh batteries, canned food, and for more info go to www.redcross.org

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!

NWNA Book Club's Upcoming Reading Selections:

- April 19, 2011-*The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell
- May 17, 2011-*Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* by Gabrielle Hamilton



Join your fellow book lovers for a lively exchange of ideas and opinions! For meeting times/locations or more information, email Lillia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net.

Police Report

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

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Merlo
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 2/1/11 - 2/28/11:

Aggravated Assaults 2
Burglary (Vehicle) 17
Robbery 4

Burglary (Res/Biz) 17
Grand Theft Auto 4
Homicide 0
Sex 0
Theft 0

During this rating period Basic Car 14A25 has experienced an increase in Burglary (Residential/ Business). Always lock and secure doors and windows even when you are home. Close and secure your garage doors. Install sensor lights around your property,

burglary suspects detest light. Deny burglars a place to hide by keeping shrubs and trees trimmed away from doors and windows. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool against crime.

Get the latest on crime and LAPD activities directly from Officer Drake Madison at the monthly NWNA meetings.

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bahaa Mikhail
Vice President	Bill Koontz
Treasurer	Lillia Singer
Secretary	Audrey O'Donnell
Webmaster	Andrew Parke
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If you have questions or would like to volunteer and get more involved with the neighborhood association, contact Bahaa Mikhail at 310-709-6431 or via email at bahaa@netpayservices.com.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com.

Deadline for the May issue is Monday, April 25, 2011.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNA) strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.



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.

