

A special message from your NWNA Secretary ...

November 2012

Dear North Westdale Neighbor,

I am writing in my role as Secretary of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association to ask that you join me in paying annual NWNA dues. Suggested household contribution is just \$10! Please use the attached envelope to send in your payment as soon as possible.

Dues pay for:

- Printing of the NWNA newsletter
- Costs associated with maintaining the NWNA website
- The use of a meeting hall for NWNA meetings
- Gifts to support initiatives and organizations concerned with improving the North Westdale community (e.g. Richland Elementary School events and neighborhood garage sales)

NEW! You can now pay your dues with your credit card via PayPal! Just go to: northwestdale.com and click on the Pay Now button. You do not need a PayPal account, you can make your payment as a PayPal guest.

NWNA dues help our community to stay connected and to stay strong!

If you have already contributed, I thank you! Otherwise, I thank you in advance, for your consideration and participation.

With best wishes,
Eri Kriteaman
Secretary, NWNA

... and now on to this month's newsletter!

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Message From the President:

Dear Neighbors:

Happy Holidays everyone, and since this is the December issue Happy New Year as well! I hope everyone gets the chance to spend some time with your friends and loved ones this holiday season.

These past few meetings I have been seeing some new faces thanks to a few devoted stakeholders that keep inviting their neighbors to come. New faces are always a welcome sight at the monthly North Westdale meetings. If you have never been and are wondering why this newsletter keeps showing up on your door step every month, feel free to stop in and check us out and give us your two cents on what may make this a better neighborhood for us all.

Dues collection has been a little slow so far this year. You should be getting

an envelope and special letter from our secretary explaining the importance of your 10 dollar donation and how far we are able to stretch it.

I will have an update on the Casden Project at the meeting and what this means for traffic congestion on our streets.

One last note, I urge you to get your flu shot this winter if you haven't already. I forgot to get mine and was in bed for almost a week with this years flu. Yuck! Again, Happy Holidays to all!

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Koontz
President, Nwana



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Dec 9: Red Cross Blood Drive, 8am-2pm at St. Andrew's Church. Use STANDREWSWESTLA to register.

Dec 10: Nwana Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

Dec 19: Nwana Airport Committee Meeting, 5:30pm at 12016 Clarkson Ave.

Jan 8: Lifeline Screening, St. Andrew's Church.

Jan 15: Nwana Book Club Meeting to discuss *A Pigeon and a Boy*.

Jan 14: Nwana Monthly Meeting, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

Nwana Book Club



Next Meeting:
Tues, January 15
A Pigeon and a Boy
by Meir Shalev

Winner of the Brenner Prize, this novel interweaves two love stories into a tale about the power of love. For meeting location or to join the book club email list, contact Lilia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net.

Support our Local PD!



While we are home with family celebrating, LAPD officers and staff are on the job making sure we stay safe. Share some holiday cheer with the hardworking men and women in blue by volunteering to provide "grab and go" food for those working on Christmas and New Year's Day. Contact coordinator Carol Tantau at carol@justtantau.com.

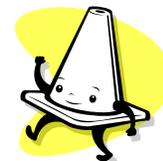
Join Our Baby Play Group!



Email Vicki Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com if you are interested.

Also, if anyone knows of toddler playgroup in the neighborhood (or would like to take on starting one), please let me know as I've had some inquiries. Thank you!

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

Just a reminder that package thefts are up here on the Westside so please call if you see any suspicious people following the UPS or Fed-Ex trucks around your block.

NEXT Nwana MEETING

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 10
7PM

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
(NATIONAL AND FEDERAL)

JOIN IN KEEPING OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD GREAT!

Are We Being Treated Fairly? A Message From the NWNA Airport Committee



In Santa Monica, you can't use a leaf blower because of the noise level. In Santa Monica, you can't smoke a cigarette because of the dangers to others. In Santa Monica, you can't have your groceries in a plastic bag because it is detrimental to the environment.

Yet in Santa Monica, at the Santa Monica Airport, you can sit in a plane on a runway and blow toxic fumes into the homes of Los Angeles residents. And in Santa Monica, you can be a student pilot practicing one of the most dangerous maneuvers, touch and go (take off and landings) over the homes of families and schools. And in Santa Monica, you can fly a prop plane with leaded fuel over those same homes.

Studies have shown that lead causes brain damage. This is why we have outlawed lead in our paint, in our homes, and in our cars. Jets emit toxic fumes and ultrafine particles.

According to a study by UCLA, the ultrafine particles can be absorbed by our skin and our organs allowing the dangerous elements in the fuel to enter our bodies and those of our children. The full extent of the damage is not known.

Why this seeming disparity? It is because the effects of the leaded fuel, the jet exhaust and the noise fall on the residents of West Los Angeles and Venice. The neighborhood that is most affected by these toxins is North Westdale. Are you outraged? If you are, please come join us at the next

North Westdale Airport Committee meeting.

When:
Wednesday, December 19
5:30 PM

Where:
12016 Clarkson Road
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Thank you,
Natalie McAdams, Vice Chair,
NWNA Airport Committee

For more information contact: Martin Rubin – Chair - (310) 479-2529 – martinrubin@earthlink.net

The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

SAVE THE DATE KINDER ROUND UPS 2013

Tell your friends and neighbors! Richland Avenue will be hosting School Tours for prospective Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Come see our wonderful neighborhood school:



Thursday, January 24

Thursday, February 21

Thursday, March 21

Tours start at 9am at the Richland Avenue Elementary Library.

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, 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.
- Westside Pavilion School Cents Program! While you do your holiday shopping, 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 NWNA 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.



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!

Monthly Farmers Market Report

County Line South is a recent vendor at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. Their produce is certified organic and on a recent Sunday included arugula, spinach, chard, beets and carrots all in baby variety. Going one step further, Silver Lake Farms sells micro greens. Micro greens are grown in soil and can be used in salads, as toppings on sandwiches or as garnishes on entrees or pasta dishes. Choose from yellow pak choi (with its horseradish finish), red streak mizuna (buttery taste) or radish (purple or China rose varieties). Also available are arugula, mustard and fennel, the latter with a sweet mild licorice flavor that goes well with fish. Micro greens also have higher nutritional levels than in their mature form. silverlakefarms.com

Refyll sells environment-friendly home and body care products made with natural ingredients. All products are made in Mar Vista. Refyll encourages you to bring your own container to minimize disposable bottles and jars that these products would normally be sold in. Some of their body products are shampoo bars and lotion bars that don't contain water and castile liquid soap. Products for the home include laundry and dish soap alternatives, general surface scrub, glass and surface spray, wood and stainless cleaner spray. Refyll.com



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

FREE course taught by the L.A. Fire Department. Learn to protect yourself, family and neighbors in an emergency situation. Get trained to put out small fires, assess injuries, provide basic aid, conduct search and rescue, support police/fire department efforts and more. To learn more about CERT, visit www.cert-la.com.



UCLA-Wooden Center West
221 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095
Contact: Firefighter Jensen, (818) 756-9674

Thursdays, 9:00am to 11:30am
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb 7, 14, 21

Fox Plaza
2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 140
Los Angeles, CA 90067
Contact: Firefighter Mason, (818) 756-9674

Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 3:30pm
Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 13, 20

Wilshire House
10800 Wilshire Blvd, Party Room
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Contact: Firefighter Matheney, (818) 756-9674

Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 8:30pm
Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, 13, 20

Police Report



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

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends
Updated information was not available at the time this newsletter went to print.

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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If you have questions or would like to volunteer and get more involved with the neighborhood association, contact Bill Koontz at billk@marvista.org.

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

Deadline for the January issue is Monday, December 31, 2012.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNDA) 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. NWNDA 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

Join The North Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to:

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