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North Westdale

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Save the date - next NWNA MEETING

March 28, 2018 - 7:00 PM (No February meeting)

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Nolte Hall

11555 National Blvd., 90064

**Guest Speaker: Suja Lowenthal, the new airport advisor
to the SM City Manager (With Q&A)**

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Minutes for January 24, 2018 - by Joan Winters - NWNA Secretary

*Called to order: 7:00 PM Attendance: Approximately 35 Approval of October 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Welcoming by NWNA president Martin Rubin Announcements, Public Comment. - None*

Guest Speakers:

Adrian Acosta, SLO, LAPD - Officer Acosta spoke at our first NWNA meeting of this year. He discussed homelessness and the homeless count taking place that he would be participating in later in the evening, as well as crime updates. He reported that more officers will be deployed to the Pacific Division. There was a lengthy Q & A session where neighbors brought up their concerns. Officer Acosta mentioned when needing to call 911 not to be talked into being switched over to the non-emergency police number if you are observing a crime in progress. He invited people to sign up for a Sunday walk with him through their neighborhood. On the walk, he will point out any vulnerabilities that exist for crimes of opportunity, such as storing one's trash containers alongside their gates, allowing for easier access.

Krista Kline, Councilmember Mike Bonin's new Director of Land Use and Planning conducted a Q & A session. Neighbors had concerns, including the development on National Blvd. near Barrington. She mentioned, as of this date, the Department of Transportation (DOT) had not yet issued the developer a permit regarding traffic impacts from the development. Other near-by developments were brought up as to how they affect traffic congestion, cut-through traffic, quality of life, and the overall integrity of our neighborhood and other neighborhoods. Krista said that she would like to be invited back after she gets her sea legs at this new position.

Damien Newton, MVCC Zone 2 Director (North Westdale) announced that electronic recycling will be taking place at St. Andrews on Saturday, February 3. He reported that the MVCC voted at the last Board meeting to allocate funds for Neighborhood Watch signs.

President's report and SM airport report: **Martin Rubin** mentioned the next scheduled March 28 NWNA meeting with guest speaker Suja Lowenthal, Santa Monica's new airport advisor to their City Manager. He also spoke about the airport runway shortening, and that the number and size of jets using the runway is still in transition. He said we should have a better idea in another six months. He warned that helicopter shuttle flights from SMO to venues like Staples might be on the horizon, as well as charter jet flights to locations such as Las Vegas, Santa Barbara, and other popular locations for those who are able to afford this method of traveling in style.

Adjournment: 8:40 PM

President's message: by Martin Rubin



Dear Neighbors,

Our neighborhood association grew from the seeds of a neighborhood watch that was started about 40 years ago. Crime has always been a priority issue of the NWNA. I am, and I'm sure you all will be pleased to note, that this past month's crime statistics show a significant reduction in the number of reported crimes in North Westdale. Please report crimes you witness to the LAPD.

Although police response is often not as prompt as we would like it to be, reporting crimes is important. For one thing, reported crimes show where LAPD squad cars should be deployed, and now that the Pacific Division will have several more police, we may get patrol cars in our neighborhood. We are an integral part of the relay team, and we need to make a clean pass of the baton to the LAPD.

At their last meeting the MVCC approved funding for the purchase of neighborhood watch signs. We should be able to post several within our NWNA boundaries (MVCC's Zone 2). Let me know if you have ideas for best location areas that will benefit the entire neighborhood.

We live with the impacts from overdevelopment all around Los Angeles as we go about our daily routines. Our infrastructures are being subjected to growing stress. The main roads that were designed to move the flow of traffic have been overloaded for decades. Horns blaring show the stress that drivers are feeling. Roads show wear and tear within months of being resurfaced. Grid-locked traffic gets us nowhere fast and adds to our City's poor air quality. Are we to be led to believe that the proposed developments will alleviate any of our ever-growing detractions to our quality of life? I would like to know how this pattern of growth will fit into the Mayor's Vision Zero plans; a plan to eliminate automobile fatalities.

Homelessness continues to grow. The root causes of homelessness are not being focused on. If our elected officials can move mountains to get football teams and stadiums and another Olympics, surely we can do better. Do we think that homelessness is by choice? What issues do you think should be top priority issues? I think, besides homelessness, air and noise pollution effects on the public's health is a top priority issue. Certainly safety on our streets for us, our families, and our pets is another.

Our neighborhood association is trying to push toward improvements. We have achieved a few, but there is much more to do. Accomplishments have been achieved with the help and cooperation of our neighbors. We are waiting to see what the traffic at Santa Monica Airport will consist of since the runway was shortened to 3,500 feet. We should know more by our March 28th meeting with guest speaker Suja Lowenthal, Santa Monica's new airport advisor to the SM City Manager.

I hope to see you on March 28.

Feel free to reach out to me via email or phone.

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NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES - DECEMBER 17, 2017 to JANUARY 24, 2018

Compiled by Martin Rubin from: maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/

Crime, Location, Date and Time (Address information is generalized by block to help ensure privacy is protected.)

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| 1. Theft-2600 Granville-Dec.20, 2017, 3:39 pm | 2. Theft-2500 Barrington - Jan.13, 2018, 2:45 am |
| 3. Grand theft auto-2400 Bundy-Jan.13, 5 pm | 4. Theft from vehicle-2500 Centinela-Jan.17, 5 pm |



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March NWNA Newsletter
Submission Deadline: February 21

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C A L E N D A R

February 03, 8:30 AM

E-waste drop off at
Saint Andrew's Parking lot

February 03, 6:00 PM

MVCC Airport Committee Meeting
Saint Andrew's - Library Meeting Room

February 13, 7:00 PM

MVCC Board of Directors
Mar Vista Recreation Center

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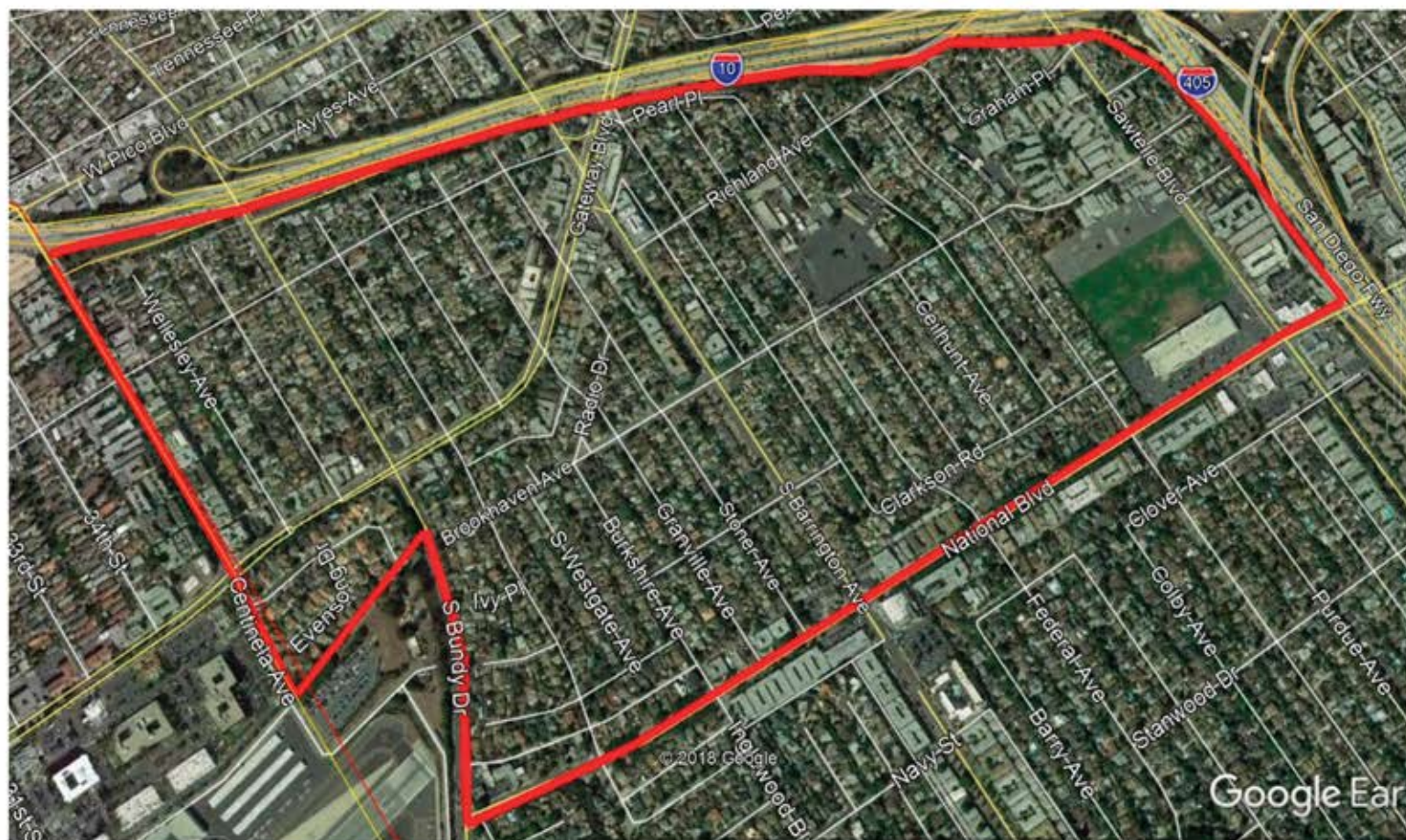
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March 28, 7:00 PM

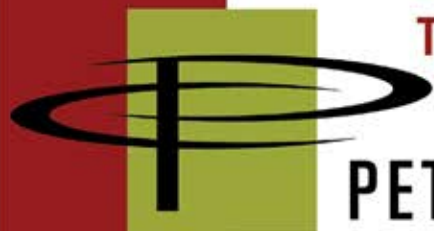
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