

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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

www.northwestdale.com - groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA

Change of date: Note in your calendar

NWNA 2-PART SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, April 8th, 2016 - 6:00 PM

**Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
11555 National Blvd., L.A. 90064 (Federal Ave. and National Blvd.)**



from 6 - 7 PM

**METRO representative
Stacy S. Yamato-Jasmin will update us on the
opening of EXPO light rail's final phase.**

Plus - Starting at 7 PM

WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST

Congresswoman Karen Bass

(Refreshments will be served.)



COMING - MAY 25 - ELECTION OF NWNA OFFICERS: WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE ?

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER

Email: martinrubin@earthlink.net - your statement, 150 words or less , regarding your intent to run for a specific office, and other campaign information you would like printed in the April and May NWNA Newsletters and also placed on the NWNA website: www.northwestdale.com.



President's message: by Martin Rubin

Hello Neighbors,

Many of you may have heard the police helicopter circling for **three hours starting about 10:30 PM** on Feb 28. According to our LAPD SLO, Adrian Acosta, officers were looking for and eventually apprehended a felony warrant suspect who was wanted for car theft. It was reported on our NWN Yahoo Group: groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA that several officers and a K9 police dog went door-to-door in the vicinity of Stoner Avenue., south of Gateway, to check backyards. Sign up today to be part of this discussion and informational group.

Please note that our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 8. Part one of the two-part meeting will start at 6:00 PM with a speaker from METRO who will **report on the May 20 opening of the final EXPO connection from Culver City to Santa Monica**. In the meantime, one can submit a request for a Metro Guided Tour. Tours begin at the Culver City Station, and take place on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10am – noon and 1 – 3pm. Both Joan and I recommend the tour. Sign up online at [<https://www.metro.net/riding/metro-guided-tours/reserve-your-spot/>]

Part two will begin at 7:00 PM as we honor for the third consecutive year our **Congresswoman Karen Bass**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to listen to our U.S. Representative speak and to ask her questions. (Karen is also hosting a Congressional Conversation at Mar Vista Recreation Center on Monday, March 7, 6:30 PM.)

Neighbors have expressed interest about traffic, especially cut-through traffic; homeless encampments including parked campers; and of course crime. All who are interested in participating in efforts to find solutions, please contact me. A new block captain is working on a draft NWN Traffic Assessment Survey. The plan is to distribute it for all of us to fill out. Chances are you will receive it inserted within the April newsletter.

The May elections are approaching. All who are interested in running for office need to submit to me their intent ASAP along with a statement of 150 words or less to be published in the April & May NWN Newsletters and placed on the NWN website: www.northwestdale.com. Attending monthly meetings, joining or leading NWN committees are ways to becoming familiar with how NWN operates.

Also, the process for electing Mar Vista Community Council's 13 Directors has begun. You might consider running. See page #2 for website link to get more information.

The future of Santa Monica Airport is now in the balance. The United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear opening arguments on March 11th, at 9:00 AM in Pasadena. The lawsuit, "City of Santa Monica v. USA, et al", regarding title to the property known as the Santa Monica Airport. The lawsuit asks for relief from the claim by the FAA that the City must operate the airport in perpetuity. A number of other actions are in the works and we will need time to better understand what affect they will have. So stay tuned; better yet get involved. The next MVCC Ad-Hoc Santa Monica Airport Committee meeting will take place on April 21. Please contact me if you are interested.



I was saddened to learn that Vern Nelson passed away. Vern, a longtime block captain for Colby Avenue, attended meetings regularly. He was part of the original group that formed the NWN 35 years ago. Vern had a front row seat at both our talent shows (see photo). I will very much miss his presence at our meetings. Rest in peace Vern.

Vern Nelson, far left, former Councilman Bill Rosendahl, and NWN Secretary Joan Winters

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CALENDAR

**APRIL 8: NWNA Meeting—EXPO Update
& CONGRESSWOMAN BASS**

**Submit to the NWNA Newsletter
*April, 2016 Newsletter Deadline:***

March 24th

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Whether you own or rent, please invest in our neighborhood. Thank you in advance.

Consider running for the Mar Vista Community Council Board

<http://empowerla.org/elections/>

Six At-Large, six Zone, and one Community Director

Zone 2 is North Westdale



NWNA CRIMES - FROM: JANUARY 30, to FEBRUARY 27

FROM CrimeMapping.com - National Map Compiled by Martin Rubin

all address information is generalized by block in order to help ensure privacy is protected.

THEFT / LARCENY

Date: 2/2/2016 7:05 AM **Location:** 12100 National **Description:** Theft - Petty (plain theft-petty) (\$950 & under)

VEHICLE BREAK-IN/THEFT

Date: 2/3/2016 8:00 AM **Location:** 2500 S Westgate **Description:** Theft From Vehicle Petty (\$950 & under)

Date: 2/2/2016 8:00 AM **Location:** Sawtelle & National **Description:** Theft From Vehicle Petty (\$950 & under)

BURGLARY

Date: 2/9/2016 7:00 AM **Location:** 2800 Ceilhunt **Description:** Burglary (entry of structure w/intent to commit theft or a felony)

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Date: 2/23/2016 9:30 AM **Location:** 11400 National **Description:** Vehicle Stolen

ROBBERY

Date: 2/17/2016 9:07 PM **Location:** 11300 National **Description:** Robbery (taking property of another by means of force or fear)



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And to "5 Points of Contact" for Pacific Police Division

Anti-Graffiti Request System <http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org/>

Also check out the [MyLA311](http://lacity.org/MyLA311) app for a variety of City Services.

<http://lacity.org/MyLA311/index.htm>



50 Attend Feb. 24 Nwana Meeting About Santa Monica Airport



Nelson Hernandez speaks at February 24 meeting.
Photo by Pastor Caleb Crainer

Nelson Hernandez spoke and answered questions for almost one hour. He explained his new job as an advisor on SMO airport issues to the City Manager of Santa Monica, gave a brief overview on airport issues, and spoke about some of the airport-related lawsuits the City of Santa Monica is undergoing. There was active and intelligent audience participation with many questions asked to Mr. Hernandez. As an advisor to the City Manager, he felt he needed to be cautious answering some of the questions.

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