

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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Tuesday, May 8 - 8:00 PM - SPECIAL NWNA COMMUNITY MEETING

WITH DAVID FRYMER, DEVELOPER OF 11671 NATIONAL

Saint Andrews Lutheran Church (Sanctuary) - 11555 National Blvd. Los Angeles, 90064

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Wednesday, May 30 - 7:00 PM - NWNA MEETING

Rescheduled: Suja Lowenthal, Senior Advisor to the Santa Monica City Manager

Update with Q & A regarding Santa Monica Airport.

Saint Andrews Lutheran Church 11555 National Blvd. Los Angeles, 90064

*After breaking ground,
developer David Frymer agrees to meet
with the community*

by Joan Winters, NWNA Secretary



Photo by Martin Rubin

David Frymer and his father at groundbreaking.

To celebrate the apartment project at 11671 National Blvd, David Frymer, the developer, held a groundbreaking ceremony. Besides his family, contractors and crew, many neighbors attended. He made himself available to answer questions about the project, but there are still many more concerns that need to be addressed. In response to neighbors questions, he mentioned that the project

should take about 15 to 18 months to be completed; that so far, no retail shops are lined up for the ground floor shops, and that he would like for the community to help him decide what businesses should be there. Looking at the large photograph displayed at the site, the finished height of the building seemed understated for a four story structure. Is there enough parking within the two-level subterranean parking so that both apartment residents and their guests don't need to park around the corner taking up parking spaces in front of neighbors homes? I asked Mr. Frymer how parking would be handled. He pointed to the "alley" (which some longtime residents thought of as a driveway behind the shops) at the back of the project and said both the entrance and exit would use Barrington Avenue. I emailed our Councilman Bonin's new Deputy Planner, Len Nguyen, as I and several neighbors wanted to know if large safety vehicles, such as fire, ambulance and police, would have ample access in the event of an emergency. For those of you not familiar with the back area there, it also is very close to houses, probably far less than 20 feet, immediately to the north. I had requested that Len answer by email because I had copied neighbors who would be interested in the answer. I never received a reply. Our NWNA president called and emailed Len to request an answer via email. As he is the Deputy Planner for our Councilman Mike Bonin's office, I do expect general planning questions to be answered. So, stay tuned. It shouldn't be this difficult to get an email answered. Many neighbors have mentioned this as well. According to Len Nguyen, Mr. Frymer said he would meet with the community, but only after he received all of his permits from the city. The MVCC passed a resolution many months ago rejecting the project until the developer would meet with neighbors, and this resolution was sent to him, along with other interested parties. This project's start was a major concern, because for one thing, its size, height and design, adjacent to a long-established residential community, appeared to be way out of scale for this area. Finally, at the groundbreaking ceremony, Mr. Frymer agreed to a meeting after being asked by both Pastor Caleb Crainer of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, and Martin Rubin, president of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association. He is scheduled to attend the NWNA special meeting on May 08 (see above). This is an opportunity we finally have to all meet with Mr. Frymer. My feeling is that there will be other large developments around our area, and it's good to meet this developer and get his views. If you want to ask questions, you should attend this special meeting.

President's message: by Martin Rubin



Dear Neighbors,

I hope all is well with you.

This month there will be two NWN meetings. I really hope we get a good turnout, reflective of the interest our neighbors have on the issues of development and Santa Monica Airport. Due to a conflict we rescheduled the "SMO Update" with guest speaker Suja Lowenthal, Senior Advisor to the

Santa Monica City Manager for our May 30th meeting.

At our first meeting, on May 8th, we will finally hear from Dave Frymer, the developer of the four story project, with an additional two levels of underground parking at 11671 National Blvd. After the ground breaking, serious digging began. I took this photo from the top of the stairs of the two story apartments adjacent to the east side of the site. Their new view will no doubt be the side of the four story structure.

Many of you know that both Joan and I had a great relationship with Bill Rosendahl, the former L. A. City Councilman for our District. As community and environmental activists, we, and so many others, were able to communicate directly with him. Bill was a game changer on L.A. politics. The situation now is the complete opposite, and it makes it almost impossible to understand what is happening. I feel like our neighborhood is under siege. Quality of life continues to drop. If you think the projects underway will improve things, I ask you to think again. Widening the 405 and building the Expo Line were touted as traffic reducers. Traffic is worse than ever. Now the City is planning to fast track an Elon Musk experiment by tunneling under Sepulveda Blvd, from Pico to Washington Blvd. *It's an experiment.*

I could go on to several other topics, but I think this is enough. I want to ask our fine Block/Condo/and Apartment Captains to please attend our meetings, and bring a few friends and neighbors with you.



Again, I encourage you to send me your contact information so I can add you to my NWN Members email list-serve; allowing communication between monthly newsletters.

Let me know what issues are of interest to you and anything else you might want to comment about.

Thank you.

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

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NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES - MARCH 21, 2018 to APRIL 17, 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.)

1. **Theft from vehicle**-2500Centinela-March31-6:30pm
2. **Burglary**-2500Bundy-April05,2:40pm
3. **Theft**-11600Gateway-April08,5:38am
4. **Burglary**-11800Gateway-April08,1:10am
5. **Theft**-2500 Granville- April08,8pm
6. **Burglary**-2700Federal-April17,8:50pm
7. **Theft from vehicle**-2800Burkshire-April17-11pm



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C A L E N D A R

May 05 & June 02, 6:00 PM

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

May 08, 8:00 PM

NWNA Special Meeting with Developer
Frymer Saint Andrew's - Sanctuary

May 08 & June 12, 7:00 PM

MVCC Board of Directors Meeting
Mar Vista Recreation Center

May 30, 7:00 PM

NWNA Meeting - SMO Update
Saint Andrew's - Nolte Hall

More MVCC information at: www.marvista.org

June NWNA Newsletter Submission Deadline: May 24 call: 310.479.2529 or email: martinrubin@earthlink.net

Annual Dues - Homeowners & Renters

Please consider sending in your dues donation. Help our neighborhood association by making out a \$15 (or more) check payable to "NWNA", and mail to: NWNA, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064. You can bring your dues with you to a NWNA meeting at Saint Andrew's Church, or use the PAYPAL button on our website,

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Invest in our neighborhood. Your donation is important.



Dues donations update:

Our dues donations are now picking up via both PayPal and our P.O. Box. However we can do better. Less than 10% of our residents have volunteered a donation. Some have been quite generous. Thank you!

2018 (so far)-112 donations totaling \$2,437 (up from last month's \$936)

2012-\$2,305/2013-\$2,730/2014-\$2,890/2015-\$3,015/2016-\$2,255/2017-\$1,365

Thank you to those who have already sent in their dues!

NEEDED: BLOCK/CONDO-APARTMENT CAPTAINS

Barrington 2700/2800 (east side only) - **Granville** 2700 - **National** 11700/11800
Ocean Park Blvd. (between Centinela and Barrington)

Today, more than 50 Block Captains serve a critical role in keeping our neighbors informed by delivery of the NWNA Newsletter once a month to each door of their assigned block/condo or apartment building.

Please volunteer to help keep our neighborhood informed.

A STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

COME ONE, COME ALL

Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1

Boy Scout Troop 1, which meets at the Nolte Community Center at St. Andrews Church, will be hosting their **2nd Annual Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 6th from 9:00 AM until Noon.** Donations of \$5.00 per person will be collected at the door. This will be a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, find out what Scouting is about, and meet members of the Troop's charter sponsor organization.



In order to "be prepared," all prospective attendees are asked to RSVP by emailing:

Scoutmaster Jay Kenney - westlajay@gmail.com or by phone (310)740-1622
with the anticipated number of attendees and the estimated time of your arrival.

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