

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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Stay Safe



From Tanaz Golshan—Senior Area Representative | West Valley & West LA - Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

TESTING NOW AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE - LA is the first city in America to offer wide scale testing for all residents with or without symptoms. This happened just 40 days after the launch of the City's first testing site. People with symptoms will still have priority, but testing is now open to everyone that wants a test. Testing is free to the public and you can sign-up at <http://coronavirus.lacity.org/testing>.

LA COMPACT - The Mayor announced a partnership with L.A. Compact, a coalition of early childhood, K-12, higher education and nonprofit leaders to support kids, their families and schools. We launched a page on their website for any student in the class of 2020 to fill out a form describing your question, problem or concern for a counselor from their accepted college, and a high school or one of our non-profit partners will help answer their questions. For more information, please visit:

coronavirus.lacity.org/collegeconnect.

SENIOR MEALS - <https://aging.lacity.org/seniormeals>

Earlier this week the Mayor announced an expansion of the senior meal program. Please encourage seniors to sign-up here: <http://coronavirus.lacity.org/seniormeals>.

CITY SIDEWALK REPAIRS CONTINUE

This stretch of sidewalk and driveways between Barry and Federal avenues on Clarkson Road was requested several years ago. Neighbors always appreciate the much-needed repairs.

Photos by Martin Rubin



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HOME IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER



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Hi North Westdale Neighbors,

I hope you and your families are staying safe and sane during this unprecedented time in our lives.

As I walk my dog around the block (more than she's ever been used to!), I see our neighbors out walking, pushing strollers, playing catch with their children, and enjoying the sunshine. It reminds me what a special neighborhood we live in. Everyone is doing their part, wearing masks and gloves, working as a community so that we all stay safe. I'm fortunate to call North Westdale home and proud to be a part of it all these years.

If there's anything you need, I hope you won't hesitate to reach out. If there's work you need done around your house, remember I've got an extensive list of available handymen, contractors, and service providers (who are following safety and distancing guidelines, of course). Or if you're just having issues or challenges with what we're going through, give me a call - we're all in this together!

As far as real estate activity, we are understandably in uncertain times. And while there are more important things to focus on, know that there are buyers and sellers out there. I put a house in the neighborhood into escrow at the end of April and we have a West LA condo for sale getting many visitors at our "virtual open houses." We are staying current on the evolving COVID guidelines for what we and our clients are and aren't able to do in the real estate arena. If you have real estate questions, concerns or needs, consider me a resource. I've been through several real estate ups and downs (I remember telling clients "stay alive 'til '95" years ago!), and I've found that real estate, like our economy - like our indomitable spirits, has a track record of roaring back, stronger than ever!

Stay safe, stay optimistic, and - even though we are physically distancing - stay social. Keep in touch!

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NWNA President / MVCC Zone 2 message: by Martin Rubin



Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is able to comfortably cope during these trying times. Although our NWNA is not meeting due to the CA state mandate, the MVCC has resumed Board of Directors (BOD) and committee virtual meetings online. This affords you an easy opportunity to join in on an online Zoom meeting. Information on how to join in at: marvista.org, or contact me. As you know, I am your representative (Zone #2) on the MVCC Board.

You might consider getting involved with one or more of the many MVCC committees, if you want to focus on a particular issue. As your representative, I want to hear your views.

Issues such as traffic, airport noise and air pollution, unreasonable development projects, leaf-blower noise and air pollution, homelessness, crime, off leash dogs and their droppings, excessive barking, and other quality of life issues are a concern of many neighbors. We need more community involvement if we are to realize changes.

Please consider being a block captain for the 2400-2500 AMHERST (east side - 30 newsletters). You don't need to live on the block where you deliver the newsletters. The NWNA has over 50 block, condo, and apartment captains. The NWNA@Groups.io mailing list will eventually replace the Yahoo Group mailing list which had its functionality removed by Yahoo last December. Go to our Groups.io link to sign up: <https://groups.io/g/NWNA>.

Thank you!

Martin Rubin - martinrubin@earthlink.net - (310) 479.2529

All neighbors, especially new neighbors:

Drop me an email with your contact information for important and timely updates.

NWNA OFFICERS

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Virginia Ernst, Vice President - Joan Winters, Secretary

Matthew Roethle, Treasurer

Web Master - Andrew Parke—Newsletter Editor - Martin Rubin—Assistant Editor - Joan Winters

Calendar

MVCC meetings are now happening via Zoom
more MVCC information on how to join in at: marvista.org

BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED:

2400-2500 AMHERST (east side - 30 newsletters)

As you may not know, if you volunteer, you don't need to deliver on the block in which you live. You may deliver an assigned amount of newsletters on a street near where you live, as do some of our neighbors. You may also contact me if you would like to be an alternate or standby block captain, for those times when the regular one is unable to deliver. As a block captain, you would deliver the newsletters once a month. I would greatly appreciate it if you would contact me so that I can get you started. The exercise is good and it even gives you a chance, if you are one of our new neighbors, to meet more people living in your community just by dropping off a newsletter!

Block Captains are an important and critical element of our neighborhood association. **Please volunteer.**

Thank you, — Martin Rubin, NWNA President—(310) 479-2529—martinrubin@earthlink.net

NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES

February 24, to April 13, 2020

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

(RECORDING OF CRIMES MAY BE DELAYED ON THIS WEBSITE)

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

Theft: 11700 National 2/24, 8:30 pm; 11300 National 2/29, 4:30 pm; 2500 Barrington 3/23, 10:30 am;
11300 National 3/24, 12:09 pm

Theft from vehicle: 2500 Wellesley 2/24, 10 pm; 11800 National 3/15, 3 pm; 2500 Barry 3/29, 3 am;
2600 Purdue 4/5, 10 pm; 2800 Sawtelle 4/8, 8 pm; 2800 Sawtelle 4/10, 2:30 am; 11400 National 4/10, 11 am

Grand theft auto: 11800 Gateway 2/27, 9 am; 2400 Bundy 2/29, 10 am; 2700 Sawtelle 3/26, 11:30 pm

Burglary: 2700 Ceilhunt 2/28, 3 pm; 2400 Wellesley 4/13, 6:33 pm

Robbery: 2600 Barrington 3/23, 12:10 pm; 11300 National 4/8, 2 pm



Our Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer:

Karwon Villery - 38717@lapd.online

LAPD online police report option:

[lapdonline.org/home/content basic view/60409](https://lapdonline.org/home/content/basic/view/60409)

Councilmember Bonin's West L.A. Office - (310) 575.8461

Are you aware of this site where we can report graffiti?

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/itd/dispatch/publicgraffiti/index.cfm?action=report>

Graffiti Reporting



- For graffiti in the railroads, you can contact Metrolink at 800-371-5465 (call or text).
- For graffiti in the City of Los Angeles, dial 311, email 311@lacity.org or download their app MyLA311 website.
- Graffiti found on freeways should be reported to Cal-Trans Service Request page: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>

Sharing the Road--Safe Bicycling and Safe Walking

by Joan Winters, NWN Secretary

THERE ARE ABOUT 11,000 BICYCLE COLLISIONS A YEAR IN CALIFORNIA THAT RESULT IN INJURIES OR FATALITIES---*Automobile Club of Southern California*



Children are home more now and outside playing. They often ride their bikes mostly in the streets with their family and friends. The Automobile Club of Southern California has an excellent easy-reading pamphlet called, "Sharing the Road, A Guide to Safe Bicycling in California". The safety recommendations were prepared with the assistance of local bicycle organizations, including the League of American Bicycling, the CA Department of Transportation, and the L. A. County Bicycle Coalition.

Many more neighbors are out walking about our lovely peaceful North Westdale streets. We now have fresher air with less SMO airport and street vehicle activity.

As a longtime resident, I can say that North Westdale has always been a diverse community in both, varied races as well as varied age groups--from small children to seniors, some now in advanced age. Some are on walkers, a few are in wheelchairs. I have almost always seen courtesy and consideration extended for others as they are out walking. We should all appreciate that we have such a wide diversity of age groups here in North Westdale--it makes for a far more interesting community.

Quoting and paraphrasing from the Automobile Club's pamphlet, I have selected a few safety tips that I compiled from their guide book. I have also added my comments. Just today I noticed several children carefully riding their bikes in the neighborhood streets. They were quite aware of their surroundings. It's always a pleasure to see children behaving thoughtfully and using good common sense.



AUTO CLUB'S RECOMMENDATIONS (in quotes)

"Bicyclists should stay off sidewalks and ride on the road with traffic. Those who ride on sidewalks pose a risk to pedestrians. If you are new to riding, or simply uncomfortable riding on busy streets, use routes with easier traffic conditions while learning to ride." This is important because some pedestrians are of an age where they perceive a bicycle heading towards them, especially at a high speed, as threatening to their physical well-being. If a child is riding that bike and has no experience with how to safely avoid an oncoming pedestrian, there is a danger of a collision. It's just really good common sense here! Other examples are a neighbor coming out of their gate to enter the sidewalk and running into the bicyclist they didn't see or expect to be coming up on them just inches away, and also a young bicyclist who is not anticipating what or who is around the corner of the sidewalk on which they are riding.

BASIC SKILLS: "Young bicyclists still learning basic skills should only ride with experienced cyclists, ride with caution, and preferably on streets with slower traffic. Children should be trained to look both ways and yield to cross traffic before leaving a driveway or when entering a roadway from a corner or sidewalk".

"Adults should carefully assess bicycle riding capabilities for children less than eight years old. Parents should determine if their children are ready to ride under careful supervision on neighborhood streets".

HELMETS: They are the law for children under 18 years of age, and good for those older as well.

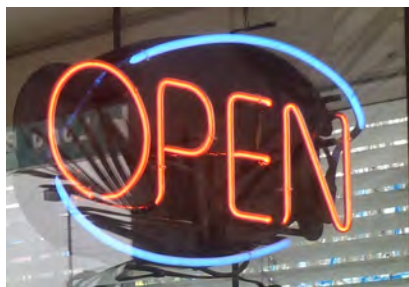
"A properly fitted helmet is the most effective action a bicyclist can take in minimizing the likelihood of brain injuries and deaths from collisions. A helmet can help prevent 85% of all brain injuries when worn correctly. Even though 70% of all fatal bicycle crashes involve head injuries, ONLY 20 to 25 percent of all bicyclists wear helmets". Make sure your helmet fits well and has the Consumer Product Safety Commission's seal of approval (CPSC).



Safe riding and safe walking to all!

FYI

Two local businesses that support our NWNAA are open.
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Martin Rubin

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June, 2020 Newsletter Submission Deadline: May 27, 2020
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Annual Dues - Homeowners & Renters

Help our neighborhood association by making out a \$15 (or more) check payable to "North Westdale Neighborhood Association".

Mail to: NWNAA, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

or use the PAYPAL button on our website, northwestdale.com,

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Thank you to those who sent in their dues for this year!



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