

## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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### NWNA MEETING + ELECTION

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

11555 National Blvd., L.A. 90064 (Federal Ave. and National Blvd.)



**GUEST SPEAKER Paula Henson - Terra Bella Water**

**Topics include:**

**Water Use - Soil Health - Rainwater Harvesting - Future Water Supply**

### IN MEMORY OF BILL ROSENDAHL

1945 - 2016

By Joan Winters

Martin Rubin and I had the pleasure of working with Bill Rosendahl since 2004 when he was gathering supporters to help him win Council District 11--a huge area from the Pacific Palisades down to Westchester, and of course it included his beloved Mar Vista district. WLA, Venice, and Brentwood were some of the voting districts he needed to win to become city councilman. We worked closely with him, as did other activists in these communities.

Bill, as everyone called him, was a very special man--bigger than life, with lifetime experiences that were exceptional. He could be outspoken, dedicated to issues that meant a lot to him, including homelessness, gay rights, and an issue close to our hearts, the extreme air pollution from jet activities at Santa Monica Airport (SMO). He was a man who cared deeply about people, and will probably be known as the best representative we could have in our district who spoke for the people and was so giving of himself above and beyond the call of duty.

He had some health issues early on when he became councilman but his four-year fight with Stage 4 cancer was something he accepted and dealt with, all the while trying to keep active and involved with the community. He did this as long as he could, all the while, giving of himself to help others in need and to hear their problems, no matter what walk of life they were in.

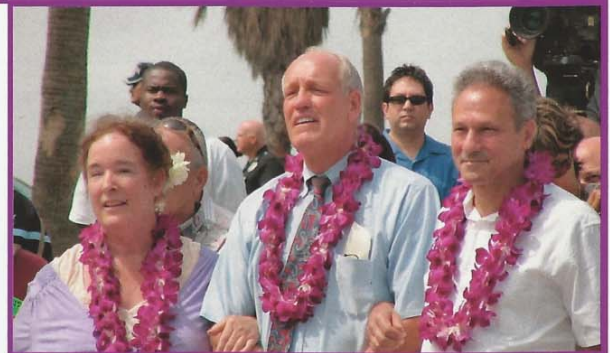
Our group, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, was founded by Martin and me in July, 2003. Not too long after that Bill was introduced to us by our current Councilmember Mike Bonin. Bill asked us to work with him volunteering on his campaign. Bill, of course, became a huge ally with our fight to improve the environmental and safety injustices from SMO, never turning down participating at any of our demonstrations or our events.

When he was elected councilman, he told us we were going to have a lot of fun working together. I doubted that, but when he was around it was sometimes actually fun. He kept his campaign promises to us, he worked for the safety of this community, and he firmly believed that that the toxic jet emissions from SMO were a major health crisis. And he screamed that into as many television news cameras as he could.

Bill honored Marty and me when he took his oath of office at Venice Beach, July, 2005. He asked us to join arms with him and walk him down the long aisle up to the stage where he took his oath before many invited political leaders, family members, and beloved activists who were seated there. Bill said to me, "Joanie, stay right here with me." After he was sworn in, he immediately told the huge crowd, including some SM council members, that he wasn't pleased with the toxic emissions coming out of SMO and he was going to work hard with us to improve conditions there. Bill was always a surprise.

Once here in North Westdale, Marty and I noticed an Italian Stone Pine tree on National Boulevard that had pulled up the sidewalk and was partly resting on a power line while the rest was threatening to fall over and endanger cars on the busy boulevard. Like many of Bill's constituents, we had his cell phone number and so we called him. We caught him shopping at a local grocery store, but within ten minutes he pulled up nearby in his bright blue Mustang which was loaded with groceries in the backseat. He got out, stood near that tree and began making calls as only he could do as a city councilman, and work crews came immediately and triaged the situation. Bill was dedicated to the people of this community, and we were the luckiest people to have had the opportunity to work closely with him as our representative.

Bill will live on in our hearts and souls.



Bill honored Marty and me when he took his oath of office at Venice Beach, July, 2005. Photo by Susan Follette



## CALENDAR

**Wednesday, May 25:** NWNA Meeting - Paula Henson  
and Election of Officers

**Wednesday, June 22:** NWNA Meeting

**Submit to the NWNA Newsletter**  
**June Newsletter Deadline: May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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## NWNA OFFICERS

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Please help our neighborhood association by making out a \$15 (or more) check payable to "NWNA"; mail to: NWNA, P.O. Box 642522, L.A., CA 90064. You can also use the PAYPAL button on our website, [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com). NWNA expenses include printing our monthly newsletters, rental of our meeting hall and special-meeting refreshments, website hosting, post office box rental, events like our Fall Block Party, and other expenses.

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

## NWNA CRIMES - FROM: FEBRUARY 27 to MARCH 23

FROM [CrimeMapping.com](http://CrimeMapping.com) - National Map Compiled by Martin Rubin  
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### VEHICLE BREAK-IN/THEFT

Date: 3/23/2016 10:20 PM Location: 11800 Gateway Description: Theft from Vehicle - Attempted

Date: 4/9/2016 2:45 AM Location: 2400 Centinela Description: Theft from Vehicle

### THEFT/LARCENY

Date: 3/27/2016 2:00 PM Location: National & Sawtelle Description: Till Tap - Grand Theft (over \$950)

Date: 4/2/2016 1:35 PM Location: 2700 Barry Description: Theft-Petty (less than or equal to \$950)

Date: 4/2/2016 2:00 PM Location: 11400 National Description: Theft-Grand (over \$950)

Date: 4/13/2016 8:00 PM Location: 11600 National Description: Theft-Petty (\$950 & under)

### ASSAULT

Date: 4/2/2016 6:00 PM Location: National & Sawtelle Description: Assault with Deadly Weapon (ADW) (likely to produce great bodily injury)

Date: 4/7/2016 9:45 PM Location: 2800 Sawtelle Description: Brandishing Weapon

Date: 4/12/2016 11:50 PM Location: 2400 Centinela Description: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

### ROBBERY

Date: 4/11/2016 11:55 AM Location: 2400 Centinela Description: Robbery (taking property of another by means of force or fear)



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







## President's message: by Martin Rubin

Hello Neighbors,

Our **April 8<sup>th</sup> NWNA meeting** was very successful. It was well attended and informative, with refreshments donated by Whole Foods. Thank you Whole Foods! Thank you to Metro guest speaker Stacy S. Yamato-Jasmin and thank you to our Congresswoman Karen Bass!

Our **May 25<sup>th</sup> NWNA meeting and election:** We are thrilled to have back Terra Bella Water's Paula Henson to give a presentation on best practices for your garden. I highly recommend taking advantage of her expertise. No one other than the current NWNA officers have shown an interest in running for NWNA office.

Thank you to Helen Chin, NWNA Traffic Liaison, for her efforts spearheading the *NWNA Cut-Through Traffic Neighborhood Assessment Survey*. (See the next page for an update). If you did not receive a survey that was inserted in the April newsletter, you can download a PDF at [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com). The NWNA hopes to gather information about our experiences with the cut-thru traffic in order to support arguments for more oversight and better enforcement of traffic laws in our neighborhood. The survey does not require identifying information.

I would like to close by saying how fortunate we were to have such an exceptional representative in Bill Rosendahl who was a true friend and will be missed dearly.

*Martin Rubin, NWNA President*  
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## April 8 NWNA Meeting Attracts More Than 70 Neighbors

Update presentation on the EXPO Line, followed by a visit by our Congresswoman Karen Bass



*Photo by: Martin Rubin*



*Photo by: Pastor Caleb Crainer*

Martin introduced his new appointee, Helen Chin, the NWNA Traffic Liaison. She gave a brief introduction of herself, mentioned the new traffic surveys, and that they should be in by May 8, so that she can give some results at the June meeting.

Guest speaker Stacy S. Yamato-Jasmin, community relations manager from Metro, gave a 45-minute Power Point presentation about the progress report on the new EXPO line. She also fielded questions from a very enthusiastic audience.

At 7:00 PM, Congresswoman Karen Bass, for the third year in a row, presented us with an update about D.C. politics. She was only able to stay until 7:30 PM, due to scheduling constraints. She reported that she is in process of drafting a letter regarding our Santa Monica Airport issues, and answered a number of questions from the audience.



*Whole Foods donated refreshments!*

*Photo by: Martin Rubin*

Taken from the April 8, 2016 NWNA meeting minutes, by NWNA Secretary Joan Winters



## Update Cut-Thru Traffic Neighborhood Assessment Survey



Thank you to everyone who completed the NWNA Cut-Through Traffic Neighborhood Assessment. If you have not completed a survey, please go to [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com) to download a PDF. We're looking to collect as many completed surveys as possible in order to get a representative sample of the North Westdale neighborhood, and to be able to share more results at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> NWNA meeting.

Helen Chin, NWNA Traffic Liaison

### Preliminary NWNA Survey Results

85 households have submitted surveys, representing about 140 individuals.

90% are homeowners

10% are renters

Average length of residence: 22.4 years

22% of residents are between 0-30 years old

39% are between 31-60 years old

39% are between 60-100 years old



**North Westdale is home to a sizable number of youth and older adults, two vulnerable groups that deserve additional consideration around traffic and pedestrian safety.**

A few neighbors have noted that they don't mind a few extra cars, but that *speeding cars* and the *complete disregard for stop signs and street signs* are the issue. Other neighbors have also lost pets to the traffic madness and some report being threatened after telling drivers to slow down.

More data and numbers to come in June. Please encourage your neighbors to fill out a survey if they haven't already!

For more information, Email NWNA Traffic Liaison Helen Chin at [helenchin1221@gmail.com](mailto:helenchin1221@gmail.com) or call Martin Rubin at 310.479.2529

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