

## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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North Westdale

<https://groups.io/g/NWNA>



### Happy Father's Day June 21

Summer begins:  
Saturday, June 20, 2:42 PM

The NWNA enters its summer break (June July and August). In the abundance of caution, we decided to cancel the annual Fall Block Party. **Everyone in the City of L.A. must now wear a face covering while in public.** This is official; please observe. Be safe and have a good summer.



Photos by Martin Rubin

### National & Barrington Development Nears Completion

*Continued Development without proper infrastructure—a recipe for...*

By January, 2018, ground was broken for this Frymer development project strongly opposed by neighbors and not supported by the MVCC. To this day, 2 1/2 years later, neighbors are still subjected to noise from the incomplete work, including work on the strongly opposed alley entrance. The stacked train-boxcar appearance of the building is out of line with the existing character of the neighborhood, and the rear view from Barry Avenue is a delight of what appears to be many massive air conditioning control units. The noise and air quality impacts on the neighbors is yet to be realized.



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## SAFELY & STRATEGICALLY HELPING OUR CLIENTS

I understand we have new priorities during this unprecedented time. But, if you do want to buy or sell real estate now, know that we are successfully helping our buyers and sellers. Here are two West LA properties that each received multiple offers after Shelter-In-Place took effect.



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## NWNA President / MVCC Zone 2 message: by Martin Rubin



**Dear Neighbors,**

**Summer officially begins Saturday, June 20**, and we all are having to adjust our day-to-day routines to cope with the major challenges before us. As your Zone #2 representative on the MVCC Board, I suggest that you visit [marvista.org](http://marvista.org) for help locating local support and updates. The June-through-August NWNA summer recess begins, but we do continue to publish this newsletter. Starting in October, we are considering only quarterly hardcopies of the newsletter.

All monthly newsletters will still be posted online at [northwestdale.com](http://northwestdale.com). I am also considering trying out ZOOM for some of our NWNA meetings. I invite your comments and thoughts.

As a practical precaution due to COVID-19, I cancelled this year's annual NWNA Fall Block Party normally held in the **Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church** parking lot. Saint Andrew's has new church council co-presidents, **Jay Kenney** and **Danielle Sahn**, taking the baton from **Kathryn Haugen**.

The changes around us are unprecedented. North Westdale residents have a right to participate and give guidance to Los Angeles City officials, the MVCC, and our NWNA on matters of concern that affect our quality of life, our public health, and our safety. Our beloved former District 11 Los Angeles City Councilman, the late **Bill Rosendahl**, was a shining example of a public servant who was always open to public input from all sides of any issue.

Presently, disseminating information on matters that affect us is at best a challenge.

"Slow Streets" (see page #5) is one example of how North Westdale residents may be subjected to changes that they have not even been informed about. A program coming from Mayor Eric Garcetti that affects local residents should be properly vetted. Neighborhood councils and neighborhood associations should certainly be given ample notice. "Slow Streets" should require that information about the program, and some form of notice, be distributed to residents on the streets that would be directly and indirectly affected by any application that would bring changes to how our local streets operate.

I believe we all can agree on this.

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@Groups.io](http://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!*

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**Neighbors, especially new neighbors:**

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



### If your bike is stolen:

Contact the police and file a report. Sometimes they will try to discourage you from filing a theft report, but insist on it. See the Community Alert Notification for additional tips.

Register your stolen bike using [Bike Index](http://Bike Index).

Contact your insurance agent. If you have homeowners or renters insurance, your bike should be covered if the value exceed the deductible.

Scour Craigslist, eBay, and the Penny Saver for any bike that matches your bike.

Don't just look in your neighborhood. Thieves will often move a bike out of the area where it is less likely to be recognized or hold it for a few weeks, until the heat is off.

If you find your bike, whether online or in person, call the police and let them deal with it. While there are many stories of people who've recovered their own bikes, there are just as many of people who've gotten in over their heads.

No matter what your bike cost, your safety is worth more.

Flyer Here

## NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES

Compiled by Martin Rubin from: [maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/](https://www.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/)  
The L.A. Times website above, did not have crime statistics for dates after April 15

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### **SOME OF THE LOCAL FALLOUT FROM THE IMPORTANT HISTORICAL PROTESTS.**

*Unfortunately, there were those who took advantage of the opportunity to loot.*

As reported on Nextdoor Mar Vista Hill, the Apothecary Pharmacy on National and Barrington was broken into Sunday night around 8:30PM.

Also, both CVS pharmacies at Sepulveda and National & Sepulveda and Palms were boarded-up.



*Photos by Martin Rubin*

### **Homeless Encampments Still Exist Around North Westdale**

Although many encampments are gone, there are several that are still around, despite the public health and safety concerns, especially during these times of the pandemic.



Left: Under the 10 freeway on Gateway by Barry Avenue.

Below: Exposition Boulevard, under the 405, next to the post office.



## On May 14<sup>th</sup> the City of Los Angeles Unveiled Their Slow Streets Program

Have you heard about it? Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church secretary and neighbor **Damien Newton** posted a notice on the NWN's social media groups, and it quickly became a controversial issue. He described it as "merely a local street (or network of local streets) that are closed to through traffic (local traffic and street parking are ok)." He goes on, "St. Andrew's Lutheran Church is working on an application for a less than half-mile rectangle of slow streets in North Westdale. The rectangle would connect the corners of Federal/Richland, Richland/Colby, Colby/Clarkson and Clarkson/Federal (where our parking lot is). We picked this route because a) it connects the Richland parking lot and the St. Andrew's parking lot which is what passes for Open Space in our neighborhood in these times b) because a winning application requires volunteers to help maintain the signs and spread the word, the nearness to our parking lot means our members can help (although by no means do this ourselves) with the work required to maintain the program."

After I read the notice, I asked my NWN neighbors-list to review and then send me their opinions. What followed was a lot of conflicting material with neighbors comments divided. Of the comments I received, the more substantive comments were opposed:

- \*The problem is not politics, the problem is that the "Slow Streets" plan lacks common sense and clarity.
- \*There are so many potential or unaddressed problems in its implementation and execution.
- \*Volunteers enforcing traffic flows will only cause great troubles.
- \*As civilians, they have no formal "police" authority.
- \*How are you going to effectively monitor traffic through the neighbor routes to ensure "Slow Street" compliance?
- \*Simply checking that the signs are up? Not very effective...and not much of a plan.
- \*And what about liability?
- \*Streets are not playgrounds or walking paths.
- \*The Richland Elementary school yard, and the Daniel Webster field are currently unused as students study at home for the foreseeable future.
- \*Why tie up our streets with more signs, traffic monitors, complications, etc?

*On top of that, an email response (**In bold below**) from CD11 contradicts some of the Slow Streets stated elements.*

**"There are no traffic restrictions as part of this program. Any driver can continue to use the streets that are in the Slow Streets program as they wish. The signage on the streets are simply to encourage people to drive slowly and carefully."**

**"The street continues to be public, and can be used by people who live near and far, using whatever mode of transportation they see fit. There are no restrictions taking place, only encouragement for drivers to slow down as we are witnessing an unprecedented number of stakeholders using the street to social distance. This program is temporary and will be phased out as the economy slowly opens and recovers."**

Pastor **Caleb Crainer** of Saint Andrew's clarified that "Damien Newton approached the church council about the Slow Streets Program as a good way to help seniors and kids have safer access to our neighborhood streets right now (and easy to stop if it doesn't work out.) Mike Bonin did a radio interview about the program. We've seen lots of people going out on walks and we want to help keep our streets safe. After reviewing the proposal, the council voted to support the initiative and Damien applied through a partnership between the Church and the Richland Booster Club and support from local residents."

If you want more information on how to apply: <http://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-slow-street-your-neighborhood>

*It is my opinion that this proposal is not well thought-out, not safe, and one that divides the community on several levels.*  
*Martin Rubin - NWN President*

Photos of West L.A. Slow Streets  
 (Purdue and Nebraska)



Notice how two signs are laying down and dangerous.



*Photos by Martin Rubin*



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## Calendar

*MVCC meetings are now happening via Zoom  
more MVCC information on how to join in at: [marvista.org](http://marvista.org)*

### **BLOCK CAPTAIN STILL NEEDED:**

#### **2400-2500 AMHERST (east side - 30 newsletters)**

You don't need to deliver on the block where 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](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net)*

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