

## *North Westdale Neighborhood Association*

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### **General NWNA Meeting - Election of NWNA Officers**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2015 - 7 PM**

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

Election of officers will be held at our May 27 General Meeting with votes cast (on ballots) by eligible NWNA residents who attend the meeting. All residents within the NWNA geographic boundaries that are eighteen years or older are eligible to vote and to be nominated to run for office. The term of office will be one year.

As of this printing our current officers have declared to run again as a slate.

**President - Martin Rubin**

**Vice President - Virginia Ernst**

**Secretary - Joan Winters**

**Treasurer - Matthew Roethle**

*Please come and cast your vote . Show your support and join in our efforts to improve our neighborhood.*

### **NWNA PARKING TEAM**

*by Christina Hopkins*



On April 14th the NWNA Parking Team gathered for a follow-up meeting to address concerns over some of the vehicles that park in our neighborhood; vehicles that do not always seem appropriate for our streets, aesthetically or for safety reasons. Examples would include vehicles that people are living in and vehicles that are "over-sized" and possibly hazardous. We were fortunate enough to have both Len Nguyen, a Senior Field Deputy from Council Member Mike Bonin's office, and Adrian Acosta, of the LAPD (our Area Senior Lead

Officer) join us to educate us and provide helpful insight on potential solutions.

Although City Code allows people to live in their parked cars in Los Angeles, we learned that we have the ability to restrict the parking of over-sized vehicles in our neighborhood. An over-sized vehicle is defined as being over 7 feet high, or over 22 feet long. RVs/campers are an example. A relatively easy way to create a basic restriction to reduce the number of campers and other unreasonably large vehicles from gathering next to our homes would be to ban over-sized vehicles from parking on our streets between the hours of 2am and 6am daily. This could be a very elegant solution to help minimize vagrancy and trash dumping in our neighborhood, and a basic improvement to the quality of our neighborhood without negatively impacting ourselves as residents.

Parking restrictions must be petitioned for and approved on a block-by-block basis. Therefore, we cannot achieve a blanket restriction for all of our neighborhood's streets with only one petition/application. And signatures from at least 2/3 of the residents/owners of a given block are required for an application to be considered by the city. To be truly successful we will need to have a representative from each block petition their fellow residents and submit the application for the permit.

Those of us who attended this meeting feel that this is a worthwhile effort. And we are grateful that Len Nguyen and Adrian Acosta were so helpful and supportive.

**For more information, contact Christina Jhun Hopkins - 310.430.9559 - [christinajhunhopkins@gmail.com](mailto:christinajhunhopkins@gmail.com)**



## NWNA OFFICERS

Martin Rubin, President  
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Virginia Ernst, Vice President  
Joan Winters, Secretary  
Matthew Roethle, Treasurer

Web Master - Andrew Parke  
Newsletter Editor - Martin Rubin  
LAPD Liaison - Natasha Lopez

## NWNA Meetings Wednesdays 7:00 PM

\*May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

\*Election of officers

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## May 27, 2015 MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order 7:00 PM  
Election  
Approval of Minutes  
Announcements, Public Comment  
Len Nguyen, Field Deputy for Councilmember Bonin  
Treasurer's Report—Matthew Roethle  
Airport Committee Report: - by Chair Martin Rubin  
President's Report - Martin Rubin  
Adjournment

Have a story idea, news, or an event of interest to the neighborhood?

Deadline for the June, 2015 Newsletter: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Call: 310.479.2529 or email: martinrubin@earthlink.net

**Congresswoman Karen Bass and City Councilman Mike Bonin draw a full house of approximately 100 at April 8<sup>th</sup>'s Special NWNA Meeting.**



Congresswoman Bass (Photo by Caleb Crainer)

Above: Packed house at Saint Andrew's hear from guest speakers, Los Angeles Councilman Mike Bonin and Congresswoman Karen Bass. Right: Mike Bonin speaks. (Photos by: Len Nguyen)



## **WANTED - Block Captains (& Alternates) Also: Apartment Building Captains**

2600 Barrington (east side) / Gateway (all)

Each month, Block Captains receive the proper number of newsletters to deliver to their assigned block(s) or apartment building.

You do not need to live on the block you volunteer to do.

**Help our neighborhood stay connected.**



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on eco-friendly paper stock.



Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer - Adrian D. Acosta

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Visit: [NWNA.com](http://NWNA.com) for links to: "L.A.P.D. Crime Statistics"

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://MyLA311) app for a variety of City Services.

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







# Looking Back *by Martin Rubin, NWN President*

A look back at the growth of the NWN over the two years that I have served as your President.

**Member participation: Block Captains** play a major roll in disseminating information by delivering our newsletters to your door and helping with the collection of our annual voluntary dues. In order to include North Westdale residents who live in apartments and condos, NWN Secretary **Joan Winters**, and **Hazel Dawoodjee** (both block captains) delivered the newsletters to all the apartment buildings and to all the areas that had not been receiving them. In the newsletter I asked for *NEW* apartment Captain volunteers. We are proud that our list of Captains has grown from 33 to 51 now reaching all homes, condos, and apartments within our boundaries as well as **Richland Avenue Elementary** and **Webster Middle School**.

**Special Assignments:** **Jacquie Jordan**, **Natasha Lopez** and **Christina Hopkins** have volunteered to facilitate the NWN **Animal Corner**, **Crime Reports**, and the **Parking Team** respectively.

**NWN Newsletter:** I upgraded our newsletter to a color four page folded on heavier eco-friendly paper. I sought local advertisements to offset the cost of printing. Thank you for the many compliments that you have given. I am proud of the success of our newsletter, and I thank those who have placed ads.

**Dues Donations and Treasury:** I believe we hit a new record high this past year with your donations. Our NWN Treasurer, **Matthew Roethle** will present the Treasurer's report at our May meeting. I am very proud that I was able to fulfill my goal of turning the treasury around from a sharp downswing to an even sharper upswing. In two years, we now have more than double in our account.

**Special Events:** With the sponsorship of **Mike Bonin** (Los Angeles Council District 11), **Caleb Crainer** (Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church), **Sherri Noel**, and volunteer help from **Natalie McAdams**, **Monty Montgomery**, NWN Vice President **Virginia Ernst**, and **Ruth Nakada**, the **Fall, 2014 Block Party/Talent Show** was a huge success. The talent was extraordinary and the bake sale items were scrumptious.

We continued with the **Annual Mega-Garage Sale** tradition in 2013 and 2014.

**Special Guest Speakers at meetings:** This list is too long to fit in the space, but all our newsletters and other information can be reviewed at our website [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com). I want to thank our Web Master, **Andrew Parke**. Attendance at our meetings has greatly increased, but we have room for more so do plan on dropping by.

Thank you to all who have participated in growing our neighborhood association!

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**Come to Saint Andrew's on Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 PM to vote.**

Aggravated Assault AM2: 1  
Aggravated Assault PM1: 1  
Burglary AM1: 1  
Burglary PM1: 1  
Burglary PM2: 1  
Grand Theft Auto AM1: 1  
Grand Theft Auto AM2: 2  
Grand Theft Auto PM1: 1  
Grand Theft Auto PM2: 1  
Burglary (Theft from Vehicle) AM1: 2  
Burglary (Theft from Vehicle) PM1: 1  
Personal Theft AM2: 1  
Personal Theft PM1: 2

AM 1: Midnight – 5:59am

AM 2: 6:00am – 11:59am

PM 1: Noon – 5:59pm

PM 2: 6:00pm – 11:59pm

## Crime Report *By Natasha Lopez - NWN - LAPD Liaison*

**NWN COMMUNITY ALERT:** Pacific Division is reporting an increase in distraction burglaries in the boundaries of the 10 FWY to the North and Venice Blvd. to the South, Centinela to the West and Barrington to the East.

Suspect and tactic information from the April 20, 2015 police bulletin: *A male Hispanic, (described as 20-25, 5'07"/5'10"), comes to the door and explains that he is installing a fence in the adjacent neighbor's yard and needs access for proper measurement. The victim then takes the suspect to the rear yard. While they are in the back additional suspects(s) enter the residence and take items.*

*Please be vigilant and aware of these scams. Call the police if you notice ANY suspicious activity or individuals. Being a good neighbour is our best defense against crime in our area.*

*Visit [northwestdale.com](http://northwestdale.com) to view February and March crime maps and archives.*

*Join: [groups.yahoo.com/group/NWN](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWN) to receive and send notices to members.*



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2617 PURDUE AVE	2	2	1,541	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$584
12007 NATIONAL	2	1	1,083	\$780,000	\$740,000	\$683
2473 AMHERST AVE	2	2	913	\$775,000	\$765,000	\$838
2631 FEDERAL AVE	3	2	1,643	\$949,000	\$925,000	\$563
2617 BUTLER AVE	3	2	1,332	\$930,000	\$920,000	\$691
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