

## ***North Westdale Neighborhood Association***

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*(No April Meeting)*

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

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - 7 PM**

**Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall**

**11555 National Blvd. Los Angeles, 90064 (Federal and National)**

### **Election of our NWNA Officers - President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer**

Election of officers will be held at our May 28 General Meeting with votes cast (on ballots) by those NWNA members who attend the meeting. All residents within the 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.

Want to run for office? E-mail your candidate statement & your contact information to: [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net)



### **The 6th Annual Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase**

**Saturday, April 26, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

This Earth Day celebration, presented by the Mar Vista Community Council, provides useful information and inspiration for transforming your garden.

contact: [gardens@marvista.org](mailto:gardens@marvista.org)

[marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com](http://marvistagreengardenshowcase.blogspot.com)

### **Replacing a lawn is a learning experience well worth the effort - by Joan Winters**

For many years I have maintained my rather large corner lot here on Barry Avenue in North Westdale without a professional gardener's help. I am an avid gardener, so that helps. Gardening is a great way to get exercise, and I enjoy working in my beautiful, tranquil garden that has been on the Mar Vista Green Garden Tour for four years. Over five years ago I started tearing out my front lawn, starting at the parkway sides. I worked in increments of five feet or so at a time at my own pace. I didn't plant for awhile to make sure the grass didn't come back. Then over time I started putting in a variety of California native and drought-tolerant plants--while keeping my favorite old roses near the house.

Replacing a lawn with drought tolerant plants is economical in the long run and very good for the environment. Once a lawn is gone, there's no need for chemical pesticides to maintain it, no hired workers are needed. Above all, water conservation is put into use. You will really notice the difference on your DWP bill. And since heavy commercial lawn equipment is put to rest, your garden becomes instantly quieter, tranquil and serene. A quick sweep of the broom will suffice for cleanup.

When grass is replaced with beautiful native and drought tolerant plants, there will be a noticeable difference right away. Wildlife will visit your new garden, Monarch butterflies will be sure to visit and lay eggs which eventually become butterflies. The Milkweed plant is necessary to have in your garden to sustain the Monarch butterfly life-cycle. The adults like to sip on plant nectar all around your new native garden. Beneficial lady bugs, pollinating bees, beautiful songbirds, lizards, and hummingbirds all will be attracted by a natural garden.

A natural garden is compatible with the land and the climate. If plants like the conditions, they will thrive and you will know they are happy. Conditions such as sun, shade, too much or not enough water, bad drainage; all play a role in the plant's life. And as a reward for yourself, your new drought tolerant garden will be a great place to connect with nature--all just a few steps outside your door!





## **NWNA OFFICERS**

**Martin Rubin, President**  
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**Virginia Ernst, Vice President**

**Joan Winters, Secretary**

**Wayne Matsuyama, Treasurer**

*Web Master - Andrew Parke*

*Newsletter Editor—Martin Rubin*

**Block Captains (and Alternates) needed! Call: 310.479.2529**

**2500 & 2600 Federal - 12000/12100 National**

**2400 Bundy - 2500 Bundy (west side) - 2400 & 2500 Stoner**

## **CALENDAR**

**April 5, Richland Avenue School rummage sale at St. Andrew's Church.**

**April 8 (6 PM) - Airport Committee - 310.479.2529 for information**

**April 26 (10 - 4) - Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase - contact, [gardens@marvista.org](mailto:gardens@marvista.org)**

**May 3 (7 AM - 1 PM) Daniel Webster Middle School "Wild Run"**

**May 28 - NWNA General Meeting Election of Officers**

**June 25 - NWNA General Meeting - Induction of Officers**

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

**310.479.2529 - [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net) - **Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 23****

## ***Bundy & Ocean Park gets a much needed scrubbing.***



L to R: Margaret Williamson, Virginia Ernst, Joan Winters, and Martin Rubin



Looking south on Bundy from Ocean Park



Councilman Mike Bonin (R) pitches in.

## **Bundy & Ocean Park got a good scrubbing**

More than 50 volunteers from the Mar Vista Community Council, the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, the North Westdale Neighborhood Association (about a dozen from our NWNA), Hilltop Neighbors Association, Venice High School, Clean & Green, and L.A. Councilman Bonin's office cleaned up the area collecting more than 80 bags of debris; a **huge difference for pedestrians and neighbors!**

**Thank you to all!**

## **It's proving to be a productive year. - by Martin Rubin, NWNA President**



From September, 2013 through March, 2014 as President of the NWNA, I have been able to accomplish several of my objectives. \*I arranged with Pastor Caleb and Saint Andrews staff to move our General Meetings into the larger and better equipped Fellowship Hall. \*I invited several very special speakers including our Los Angeles City Council Member Mike Bonin, our CA State Senator Ted Lieu, and our United States Congress Representative (*an NWNA first*) Karen Bass. Also Santa Monica Airport Commission Chair David Goddard, Arnie Corlin on crime prevention, Richland Avenue School Principal Gerard Granade, our new Senior Lead Officer Adrian Acosta. \*I procured donated refreshments from Whole Foods and Starbucks for some of our meetings. \*Our Newsletter has been upgraded to a glossy color four page folded (instead of

stapled) heavier weighted paper. The extra cost is more than covered by paid advertisements from local businesses that I acquired.

I'm pleased with our newsletter and it is getting noticed by other neighborhood groups. \*Our treasury is improving now.

I organized the October Mega Garage Sale that was quite successful.

Our Block Captain Team remains strong with several new additions and replacements. I want to give a special thank you to all of our Block Captains, past and present. Attendance at our General Meetings is on the upswing with lots of new neighbors, but I would like more resident involvement at meetings. \*I have represented our NWNA at the Santa Monica Airport Commission and as a member of the LAX Community Noise Roundtable.

Besides our NWNA Airport Committee, we have not had another active committee since September, 2013. To change that we need *your* participation. To form committees that will be open to all NWNA members who wish to participate please contact me with your ideas. I am fortunate to be working with a great team of NWNA officers. I would like to continue to represent the NWNA as your president.

Thank you, Martin Rubin, NWNA President - [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net) - 310.479.252

## ***Annual Dues - Suggested \$15 donation will be used wisely. Homeowners and renters***

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*To those who have already sent in contributions: Thank you!*





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## Friends of Daniel Webster Middle School

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WILD RUN

Friends of Daniel Webster" booster club is committed to improving the educational experience of every scholar enrolled by working with School administrators, teachers, parents, students, and community members.

Looking to get a little Wild? Searching for a fun family run in your neighborhood?

Come out on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 and join us for **Daniel Webster Middle School & Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom 1st Annual 5K "Wild Run!"** Registration begins at 7:30 AM and the run starts at 9:00 AM on the Daniel Webster Middle School campus. Student's under 18 years of age are only \$5.00 while adult registration costs a mere \$10.00. Your registration fee includes a tee-shirt celebrating our theme of wild animals.

The event will showcase a variety of wild animals provided by The Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom.

We will have several raffles going, vendors and food trucks to enjoy.

Music will be provided by DJ X-Ro of Soul Public Radio and Webster's own musical talents will be showcased.

Please stop by from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM to support our school and enjoy your community.

### Let's get WILD at Webster's Wild Run!!!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Friends of Daniel Webster.  
We look forward to working with you to make our school and community a better place for all.

Sincerely, Friends of Daniel Webster Middle School - Federal Tax ID # 45-4996932



Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church  
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## Easter! April 20, 2014

8:00 am - Special Worship of Preparation

9:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt for Kids and Breakfast

10:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship!

11:00 am - Fellowship Time

[standrews-wla.org](http://standrews-wla.org)



**Richland Avenue School**  
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**April 5**, is our rummage sale at St. Andrew's Church. Drop donations off in the main office. If you have large items, please call the school, we will be happy to pick them up for you!

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## SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO INVESTIGATE TWO SCENARIOS:

1) Closing SM Airport 2) A Smaller Airport

Thank you Ted Lieu and Mike Bonin for attending!

There were over 100 speakers pro & con.  
This meeting went from 6 PM to well past  
11 PM. Thank you NWN neighbors who endured the wait  
to speak to the Council!

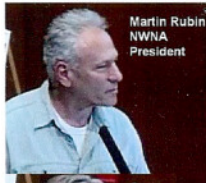
SM City Council will make important decisions in December.

Please try to attend and add your voice.

More information:  
310.479.2529



The Future of Santa Monica Airport



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2655 Federal Ave	4	2	1,948	\$865,000
2720 Westgate Ave	2	2	838	\$722,000
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\*Sales are from a variety of agents

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