

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

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

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014 - 7 PM**

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

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

## ***ELECTION RESULTS***

**RECORD 88 VOTERS TURN OUT IN A DECISIVE (52 TO 36)  
SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THE INCUMBENT SLATE.**



Virginia Ernst, Vice President; Martin Rubin, President; Joan Winters, Secretary - Matthew Roethle, our new Treasurer was on his honeymoon and not available for our (group photo by Jacquie Jordan).

Thank you to so many of you who came out to vote and especially to those who voted for us because it reassures us that you believe that we as elected officers of the North Westdale Neighborhood Association are making a difference. As we move forward we expect that those who opposed us will behave in a civil manner. As President, I will not stand for harsh and abusive comments at our meetings aimed at myself or others. I believe strongly in constructive criticism. If you are set on being disruptive, please stay home. If you want to join in efforts to better our community, you are welcome.

My support team is hard working, smart, and tough skinned. Together we will, with your support, focus our attention on positive efforts that will help our North Westdale neighborhood join together in the spirit of community.

My name, phone number and email are easy to find in each newsletter and I invite you to contact me to discuss what it is that is on your mind. — Your President, Martin Rubin



## NWNA OFFICERS

Martin Rubin, President  
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Virginia Ernst, Vice President  
Joan Winters, Secretary  
Wayne Matsuyama, Treasurer

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Newsletter Editor—Martin Rubin

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## CALENDAR

June 25 - NWNA General Meeting - Induction of Officers  
July - How the Casden project might impact North Westdale  
September - NWNA Block Party - Join our planning committee  
October - NWNA Garage Sale - Get your things sorted early

**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 July Newsletter is June 26.**



## Unique and Interesting Election - *by Martin Rubin, NWNA President*

As far back as I can remember, there has never been a challenge to an incumbent NWNA President, and I wondered why former three term NWNA President Tony Sanelli would contest my seeking a second term, especially when he threw his name in to run for President after the April NWNA Newsletter had already gone to print. His platform seemed to consist of, "taking back the community". I have been working very hard to bring together the community, and I have been making decent progress. Never-the-less the race was on. My campaign highlighted my accomplishments in my eight months as NWNA President avoiding any negative campaigning on my part.

Because the previous year's election was contentious in a very different way, I worked to set up the voting in a way that would maximize fairness. We opened the polls at 6:PM, an hour earlier to help eliminate confusion and it worked better than I had expected, as many came to cast votes between 6 and 7. Voting continued until 8 PM alongside our NWNA meeting that went from 7:15 until 7:55 PM. Votes were cast on preprinted official ballots that were placed in a ballot box.

During the public comment agenda item, I fielded questions and comments from Tony Sanelli and his wife Vicki, questioning our election procedure. There has never in my memory been a more fair procedure. Last year, voters placed their ballots on a tray carried around by an individual who along with a couple others were campaigning against me in the room while the election was taking place. I won that election by five votes. Now, thanks to your vote of confidence, I feel especially honored to get back to focusing on the positive and how we can continue to improve our North Westdale Neighborhood Association.

Thank you, Martin Rubin, NWNA President - [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net) - 310.479.2529

## NWNA Support for the draft ordinance to reduce Santa Monica Airport's air pollution impacts on NWNA residents. (passed unanimously at our May 28, 2014 General Meeting).

Whereas, air pollution from Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations has been a contentious issue for many years; and Whereas, no effort by the City of Santa Monica nor the Federal Aviation Administration has been made to regulate the amount of air pollution carried into the downwind North Westdale neighborhood; and Whereas, two air quality monitoring studies by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and several studies by the UCLA Dept. of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences have measured highly elevated levels of pollutants in the North Westdale neighborhood; and Whereas, the U.S. EPA monitored elevated levels of lead at their monitoring sites in North Westdale; and Whereas, presently there is a draft proposed ordinance being considered by the Santa Monica Airport Commission that will set cut off levels of pollution by engine ratings; and Whereas, the health of North Westdale residents is at risk; and Whereas, no environmental ordinance has yet been tested;

**Therefore, be it resolved that the North Westdale Neighborhood Association on behalf of its residents who experience negative air quality impacts from Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations, support an ordinance that will reduce the harmful aircraft emissions.**

## Join our committee to organize a block party event ?

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### **Motion to join with Santa Monica community groups in opposing AOPA's deceptive petition. (passed unanimously at our May 28, 2014 General Meeting).**

Whereas, a current petition drive funded by the Airport Owners and Pilots Association to place on the ballot an initiative that would change Santa Monica's City Charter; and Whereas, this change to Santa Monica's City Charter would require a majority vote by Santa Monica voters before any changes can be made at Santa Monica Airport; and Whereas, this initiative attempt is deceptively cloaked to appeal to Santa Monica residents using the fear of over development of Santa Monica Airport; and Whereas, not one community group in Santa Monica supports the initiative; and Whereas, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, Friends of Sunset Park, Mid-City Neighbors, Northeast Neighbors, Ocean Park Association, and the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition are some of the community groups that already oppose the initiative; and Whereas, the petition drive management firm Arno Petition Consultants Inc., also known as Arno Political Consultants has been the subject of controversy over allegations of petition fraud; and Whereas, the current paid professional signature gatherers have been reported using false statements to gather signatures;

**Therefore, be it resolved that the North Westdale Neighborhood Association on behalf of its stakeholders that experience negative impacts from Santa Monica Airport operations, join with the Santa Monica neighborhood groups in opposing this deceptive airport initiative.**

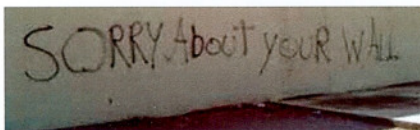


### **Summertime is a wonderful time at the Mar Vista Farmers Market.**

By Wayne Matsuyama

The only thing better than spring time at the Mar Vista Farmers Market is its summer season. While some summer vegetables are already available, in the coming months look for multiple varieties of bell peppers and beans, corn, eggplant and tomatoes. Anyone with a fruit tree knows how all the fruit seems to ripen in a two week period. It should come as no surprise that farmers raise many varieties of stone fruits in order to provide them throughout the growing season. We're now seeing the early varieties of plums, pluots, apricots, apriums, nectarines and peaches with many more to follow.

When asked how they are dealing with the drought, farmers responded with doubled water costs, water restrictions and longer watering times due to low pressure. Farmers in the San Diego area are subject to further water restrictions to fight fires. The drought may affect the supply of some produce and future adjustments to prices.



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