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North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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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

NWNA Officers

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.

As of this printing we have the following declared candidates:

President - Martin Rubin

Vice President - Virginia Ernst

Secretary - Joan Winters

Treasurer - Matthew Roethle

Since I am interested in serving another year as your President, I feel fortunate to announce that I have a slate of candidates that I strongly support. Our current Vice President, Virginia Ernst, has agreed to serve another year as has our current Secretary, Joan Winters. Our current Treasurer, Wayne Matsuyama, is stepping down after several years of excellent service. My sincere thanks to Wayne! However, we are fortunate to have a very qualified new member of our NWNA community agree to run for treasurer.

Candidate for Treasurer: Matthew (Matt) Roethle – Matt has lived in Greater Los Angeles since 1998 and has been a resident of North Westdale since November 2013. As a Certified Public Accountant in the States of California, Georgia, as well as the District of Columbia, Matt has the perfect qualifications to serve as the treasurer of NWNA.

> Matt is not able to attend the May 28 meeting because he will be on his honeymoon with Michelle Chen, whom he will marry on May 24. He humbly asks for your support.

Please come and cast your vote even if no one else runs. Show your support for what we've been doing. Join us in our efforts to improve our neighborhood.

Thank you! Martin Rubin, NWNA President

Are you interested in joining a committee to organize a block party event?

Contact: Lorraine Wells,310-445-0845—Imwells4@verizon.net or Wayne Matsuyama; 310-445-5440—wayma@aol.com With the support and planning of our neighbors we are hopeful for a successful event.

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

May 3 (7 AM - 1 PM) Daniel Webster Middle School "Wild Run" May 13 (6 PM) - Airport Committee - 310.479.2529 for information 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 - Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 23

Where to drop off electronic waste: information from L.A. Times, 4/19/14 Computers, printers, televisions, cell phones, stereos, game systems and other electronics may contain lead, copper, or other heavy metals or potentially toxic substances. When electronics have outlived their usefulness, it's important to dispose of them properly rather than just toss them in the trash to be placed into landfills. Drop off electronic waste free of charge at S.A.F.E. permanent collection centers.

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550 Charles E. Young Drive W. (8 AM to 2 PM Saturdays only).

What Looms Ahead? - by Martin Rubin, NWNA President

The North Westdale Neighborhood and our Association are more recognized today than in the past due mainly to how we are negatively impacted by Santa Monica Airport (SMO). With the end of the "1984 Agreement" coming due July 1, 2015, you can be certain that I will continue to make sure our neighborhood is given fair consideration on any future agreements that the City of Santa Monica might make with the FAA.

Hopefully, we may enjoy a new era, fostered in by the airport's closure. It can happen. It's happened elsewhere.

Our Congresswoman Karen Bass encourages its closure, as do our Councilman Mike Bonin and our State Senator

Ted Lieu. Ted Lieu may replace Henry Waxman in Congress, and then he and Karen could champion our cause to protect us from

SMO's critical impacts. Please do get involved during this critical time. The momentum is in our favor, and your involvement will help.

This is a big issue that takes a lot of time and hard work, and with even a little help from you, I can focus my energy better.

It won't be long until we are able to enjoy the new EXPO light rail line. It has been amazing to watch its progress. There will be new development around the light rail. It's called Transit Oriented Development (TOD). We need to make sure we work with other neighborhood groups and neighborhood Councils to thwart over-development.

We have some other serious challenges ahead; there's the drought, gridlock traffic, you name it. However we can all help in some way by strengthening our neighborhood association. Again do get involved. I have been fortunate to have been 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 - 310.479.252

We have almost reached last year's donation amount!

Annual Dues - Suggested \$15 donation (or more) will be used wisely.

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and community a better place for all.



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www.richlandavenueschool.org www.richlandbooster.com

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School for Kids (July 7-11) For more information: Please call the church at 310-477-0257





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Spring is a wonderful time of year at the Mar Vista Farmers Market.

By Wayne Matsuyama

We are fortunate to have a good supply of vegetables throughout the year, but their bounty is more evident these early spring weeks. Tables are piled high with great variety: white, red and savoy cabbage; red, golden and candy stripe beets; white, purple and orange cauliflower; black and red kale; zucchini; artichokes; golden snow peas;

Persian and Japanese cucumbers. Strawberries appear at the market all year long, but now they are a deep scarlet and look too luscious to pass by without trying a sample. Early season peaches and nectarines are now available - summer is just around the corner.

Lehmann Farm is a recent addition to the market. Originally from Hungary, Tamas Lehmann specializes in European varieties of vegetables including parsley, celery, salad greens and radishes. In the months ahead, look for his Hungarian peppers and tomatoes.

Rainbow Ranch Farm is also new to the market selling eggs from heritage breed chickens and ducks. Their poultry are pasture raised and fed no hormones or antibiotics. Eggs have been tested for nutritional value and claim to have less fat and cholesterol, higher vitamin A and E and beta-carotenes.





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