

## *North Westdale Neighborhood Association*

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## *Happy Thanksgiving*

NEXT NWNA MEETING

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Two Guest Speakers:

**RICHLAND AVENUE SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL GERARD GRANADE**

**WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL PETER BENEFIEL**

### **October 26 NWNA Meeting Report** - by Joan Winters, NWNA secretary

For those of you who were unable to attend the Wednesday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup> NWNA meeting at St. Andrew's Church, this is a recap. Adrian Acosta, LAPD Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer for our area, joined the many neighbors who attended to discuss the recent increase in crime that has been happening in our community. He brought a crime map for us to review which has crime mapped out from July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup> of this year. He mentioned that of the 9 burglaries which occurred, 5 of them might have been prevented if the victims had locked their windows and doors. Of the 9 burglaries, 4 residences had no type of security such as video surveillance, alarm systems, etc. FYI, the vandalism that has taken place is not recorded by the police on the crime map. For those of you who are unaware, there have been many cars tagged and house structures and walls, including St. Andrew's Church which has been marked by graffiti several times now. This appears to be happening in the overnight hours, and there is some video surveillance that has recorded the suspect in another area.

Officer Acosta also announced that he will be holding a **neighborhood walk-through** focusing on crime prevention in our community on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm**. Interested neighbors are welcome to join. The gathering place will be outside St. Andrew's Church, at the corner of Federal Avenue and Clarkson Road. The walk-through will cover roughly one neighborhood block. More walks will be conducted by Officer Acosta starting in January. Len Nguyen, field deputy from Councilmember Mike Bonin's office, joined Officer Acosta in discussing crime, homelessness and oversized campers parked on our streets. Many neighbors have complained for a long time about oversized campers lined up outside their homes, such as on Pearl Street going east to Barrington. Len Nguyen reported that the restricted parking signs that were petitioned for some time ago have been approved and are going to be put up on Pearl. The parking restrictions apply from 2 am to 6 am to oversized vehicles that are over 7 feet in height or over 22 feet long on the streets with the posted signs.

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## President's message: by Martin Rubin

Hello Neighbors,

Although we as North Westdale neighbors have several ways to connect online, i.e. our NWNA Yahoo Group and our NWNA Facebook Page, I would urge those who are not already on my **NWNA member contact list**, to email me your contact information so that I can add you into my list in order to receive my timely email notifications. You will get notices about a variety of things, including crime, meetings, updates, etc. Send to: [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net)

We had about 30 neighbors in attendance at our October 26 meeting with Officer Adrian Acosta. Read Joan's recap on the front page. Information from the meeting is available at [northwesdale.com](http://northwesdale.com).

When there is an upswing in crime and vandalism, there is an increase in interest to form neighborhood watches. Following through with forming neighborhood watches is a valuable tool for fighting crime.

Santa Monica Airport issues remain quite volatile with several legal matters to be heard in court in the near future. If you are concerned about how Santa Monica Airport affects you and your loved ones, I urge you to call Councilman Mike Bonin's office (312.575.8461) and Congresswoman Karen Bass's office (323.965.1422), to let them know. The more they hear from us, the more they will respond. You know the old adage, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil."

While you are at it, call Santa Monica City Hall (310.458.8201) and let them know as well. Also, let me know if you want me to add you to my **airport contact list** for timely airport updates.

We will take a break from NWNA meetings at Saint Andrew's over November and December due to the holidays. January 25, 2017 is the date of our next NWNA meeting that will focus on our two neighborhood schools; Richland Avenue Elementary and Daniel Webster Middle School with Principals Gerard Grande and Peter Benefiel as our guest speakers. Mark your calendar.

Congratulations to our Treasurer, Matt Roethle and his wife Michelle who just had their first child. It's good to see all the young families walking around the neighborhood with children in strollers. Now, let's all work to get rid of the toxic jet fumes and lead emissions from Santa Monica Airport, so we all can breathe the air we are meant to breathe. As always I urge all to get involved. You can begin with emailing me or calling me to be added to my NWNA member notification list.

*I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.*



## MVCC Zone 2 Report-by Damien Newton, [damien.newton@marvista.org](mailto:damien.newton@marvista.org)

(Damien Newton was appointed Zone 2 director at the August Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors meeting. Zone 2 is the community of North Westdale.)

*Mar Vista is going to change in the coming decades, in large part because of development. No, I'm not trying to scare you that the city's mansionization ordinance is going to allow your neighbor to block the sun with their new deck nor am I ringing an alarm bell about a new*

*apartment building on Venice Boulevard. I'm referring to how the debate on development can rip a community apart. There is no doubt that there is a regional housing shortage, and no doubt that many developers will try to alleviate that shortage and make as much money as possible for doing so. In the coming years, we'll be debating how best Mar Vista can help alleviate the housing crisis and maintain the Mar Vista we already love.*

*I applied for the open position of Zone 2 Director because I wanted to be part of that conversation and help guide it. As the director of the non-profit that publishes Santa Monica Next, I've seen how the debate on development can tear a community apart in ways that the development itself never could. If you don't believe me, run a search for "Santa Monica Government, Politics, Policies and People" on Facebook and just read the way that the commenters talk about each other.*

*That's not what I want for Mar Vista. I know our community has to change and evolve. To quote Bob Dylan, "he that is not busy being born is busy dying", but I don't want that change to come at the cost of shattering the community that truly makes Mar Vista a great place to work, play, and live.*



## CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 6, 3PM: Crime walk with SLO Acosta  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017: NWNA Meeting

**Submit to the NWNA Newsletter**

**December Newsletter Deadline: November 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**Whether you own or rent, please invest in our neighborhood.**

## NORTH WESTDALE CRIMES - FROM: SEPTEMBER 20 to OCTOBER 23

FROM: [maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/](http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/sawtelle/crime/) - Compiled by Martin Rubin

Location, Crime, Date and time (Address information is generalized by block to help ensure privacy is protected.)

1. 11300 Graham Place-Theft from vehicle-Sept. 20, 8:30 pm
2. 2400 Amherst -Grand theft auto-Sept. 28, 5:00 pm
3. 11300 National-Theft from vehicle-Oct. 12, 2:58 pm
4. 2500 Wellesley -Grand theft auto-Oct. 15, 1:00 am
5. 2600 Barrington -Grand theft auto-Oct. 19, 9:00 am

**Our Pacific Area Senior Lead Officer: Adrian D. Acosta - [37285@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:37285@lapd.lacity.org) - 310.622.3973**

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You might have noticed recently these signs up and down both sides of Ceilhunt Avenue, between Clarkson Road and Brookhaven.

If you need to circulate a petition on your street, the PDF is available at [northwestdale.com](http://northwestdale.com).

The process takes time so you will want to get started ASAP.



Photo by Marty Rubin

# Richland Avenue Elementary

## Prospective Family Tours

### TK-6th Grade

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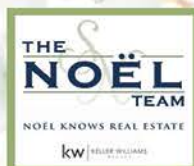
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2710 SAWTELLE	5	2	1,417	6,095	\$969,000	\$932,500	\$683.84
2614 STONER AVE	2	1	1,155	5,991	\$799,000	\$830,000	\$691.77
2456 AMHERST AVE	3	2	2,169	5,056	\$1,258,000	\$1,200,000	\$579.99
2534 S WESTGATE AVE	2	1	968	5,003	\$899,000	\$835,500	\$928.72
2543 FEDERAL AVE	4	3	1,928	5,400	\$1,299,000	\$1,360,000	\$673.76
2719 FEDERAL AVE	2	1	1,008	5,399	\$749,900	\$892,000	\$743.95
2634 BARRY AVE	3	2	1,534	6,128	\$1,149,000	\$1,135,000	\$749.02
2721 BURKSHIRE AVE	2	1	928	5,266	\$810,000	\$830,000	\$872.84
12111 OCEAN PARK	2	3	1,468	6,588	\$1,349,000	\$1,300,000	\$918.94
2757 BARRY AVE	3	2	1,795	5,671	\$1,424,000	\$1,440,000	\$793.31
2808 COLBY AVE	4	2	1,542	5,408	\$1,248,000	\$1,248,000	\$809.34
2734 GRANVILLE AVE	3	2	1,715	5,000	\$1,198,000	\$1,295,000	\$698.54
2549 COLBY AVE	2	2	1,068	6,301	\$989,000	\$1,026,000	\$926.03
2740 BARRY AVE	3	1	1,012	5,301	\$857,500	\$934,000	\$847.33
2577 AMHERST AVE	3	2	1,455	6,022	\$1,099,000	\$950,000	\$755.33
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