

## *North Westdale Neighborhood Association*

*P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064*

*www.northwestdale.com - groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA*

### NWNA MEETING

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - 11555 National Blvd., L.A. 90064 (Federal and National)

### **TWO GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Mike Harriel**  **Public Affairs Manager**

**Topic:** Information regarding the new advanced meter.



**Paula Henson**  **Terra Bella Water**

**Topic:** Our present drought situation and what we can do.

### *Annual Dues Time*



or



The North Westdale Neighborhood Association now begins a new year, and we once again request that you contribute. NWNA expenses include printing our monthly newsletters, rental of our meeting hall and special-meeting refreshments, website hosting, post office box rental, events like our Fall Block Party, and other expenses. Please help our neighborhood association by making out a \$15 (or more) check payable to "NWNA"; mail to: NWNA, P.O. Box 642522, L.A., CA 90064. You can also use the PAYPAL button on our website, [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com).

If you know your block captain, give your donation to your block captain.

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

*Having a healthy reserve in our treasury is good for our neighborhood.*

*Your donation will be very much appreciated and used wisely.*

Thank you,

Martin Rubin, NWNA President



## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood-Wide NWNA - MEGA Garage Sale**

This event is a coordination of garage sales throughout North Westdale on the same day.

Each participant sets up their wears at their location and we advertise and make a map of all the participant locations.

**Saturday, October 24 - 8 AM to 3 PM**



**Register** with your name, address, and contact information

**(Deadline is October 14)**

E-mail [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net) or call 310-479-2529

Take advantage of this opportunity to clear out clutter and things gathering dust in your house & make extra money! We request a registration donation of \$5.







Camilla Blank & Neal Donner



Carolyn Goldman

## BLOCK PARTY PHOTOS



Alberto Mancarella



Claire Vandeman



Quentin Derac



George Slagle



Neal & Alberto



Bake Sale



Lila & Kate



Claire & Monte Montgomery with Sharyn Scott in the center **The Polytones**



Photos by Andrew Parke



Children's Activities



Some of the Talent Show audience and the Food Truck

## NWNA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Block Party by Joan Winters, NWNA secretary

Everyone had fun! It was great to see all the new young families who recently moved into North Westdale. The children naturally enjoyed the Bounce House, and they also got involved with spinning their own Spin-Art. **Pastor Caleb's** bubbles were a big hit too.

The **Say Fish Taco** truck received praise for their food, which included special reasonably priced children's items. The bake-sale table, hosted by our V.P. **Virginia Ernst and her sister Mary**, included a variety of dessert items to satisfy our sweet teeth. They, along with neighbors, brought their fresh baked goods which were absolutely delightful.

The talent show, like last year, was amazing. Neighbors volunteered to perform on stage, and quite a show it was. You can watch the entire stage show on YouTube thanks to our videographer **Andrew Parke**. Go to YouTube and search, "NWNA Block Party Talent Show 2015". There were 12 performers, six adults and six children.

**Neil Donner**, longtime North Westdale resident and violin teacher (PhD), performed a violin duet with one of his star students, nine-year-old **Camilla Blank**. Neil, on violin, also accompanied 13-year-old **Alberto Mancarella** who played a classical piano piece. Alberto also performed a solo classical music piece from Bach. He is magnificent. Bravo, Alberto! Nine-year-old **Quentin Derac** also played classical piano music. Multi-talented Quentin can also play the guitar and drums. He is a member of the kid band called The Illusion who have performed in such venues as the Hard Rock Cafe. Lovely **Claire Vandeman**, 13 years of age, sang two songs in her absolutely beautiful untrained voice; always a pleasure to watch and hear. A last-minute request was squeezed in. The adorable mystery girls (**Lila & Kate**) sang one song. **George Slagle**, who gave his age as 89, sang two old standards and was absolutely delightful. Singer/songwriter, **Carolyn Goldman**, who lives under the flight path of Santa Monica Airport (SMO), wrote and performed "Ode To Breathing" (search this title on YouTube), a song she wrote at the request of anti-SMO activist **Martin Rubin**, our NWNA President. She also sang another beautiful song. Her classic folk singer style is a breath of fresh air. The last half hour was star time, featuring the **Polytones**, with **Monte Montgomery**, **Claire Montgomery** and **Sharyn Scott**. They rocked the house with their upbeat songs and were so much fun, even inspiring some longtime North Westdale residents to dance near the stage. Monte was also the stage manager and master of ceremonies. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!



## CALENDAR

**October 24:** NWNA Garage Sale; Get your things sorted

**December 9:** NWNA Meeting

**Submit an article or an event of interest.**  
**November Newsletter Deadline is October 29<sup>th</sup>**

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## President's Report

by NWNA President Martin Rubin  
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Hi Neighbors,

Thank you to all of you who helped to make our Fall Block Party a success. Special thanks to our sponsors: Councilmember Mike Bonin; Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church and Pastor Caleb Crainer; realtor Sherri Noel; the Mar Vista Community Council; our event producer Natalie McAdams with Name Events and her assistant Laurie James; bake sale coordinator Virginia Ernst and her sister Mary along with all the bake sale contributors; our stage manager and master of ceremonies, Monte Montgomery; our videographer Andy Parke; Say Fish Taco Truck for donating 10% of their event sales to NWNA; all of you who were able to attend, and of course all of our talented performers. Noteworthy was the presence of numerous young families new to our neighborhood.

At our September meeting, we were fortunate to have (fresh back from vacation) Adrian Acosta, our LAPD Senior Lead Officer, speak and field questions. Turnout was good and the meeting resulted in forming a new NWNA committee that will focus on crime, homelessness, and traffic issues. Interested in participating? Contact Joseph Miller at (310) 477-0953/singmysong4444@yahoo.com.

Our October 28<sup>th</sup> NWNA meeting will feature two guest speakers (see front page). I invited a SoCaGas company representative at the request of several neighbors concerned about the installation of smart gas meters. Do attend this meeting for information. Another speaker at our October meeting is Paula Henson from Terra Bella Water who has a wealth of information regarding our present drought situation and what we can do. Again, attend for more information and bring your questions. By the way, I want to remind everyone to survey your property and empty standing water from containers to prevent mosquitoes. Great to see so many neighbors converting their lawns to drought tolerant landscapes.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has delayed a decision until October 15 regarding Santa Monica's ongoing battle to close its municipal airport and to determine whether Santa Monica can take back control of Santa Monica owned airport land.

*As always, I strongly urge all to get involved with both the NWNA and the MVCC.*

An investment of your time could prove to be what our neighborhood needs!

## NWNA OFFICERS

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## NWNA Meetings - Wednesdays

**2015 — October 28 - December 9**

**2016 — January 27, February 24**

**April 13, May 25, June 22**

**The North Westdale Neighborhood Association  
Is in Zone 2 of the  
Mar Vista Community Council.**



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And to "5 Points of Contact" for Pacific Police Division

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Also check out the [MyLA311](http://MyLA311) app for a variety of City Services.

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







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