

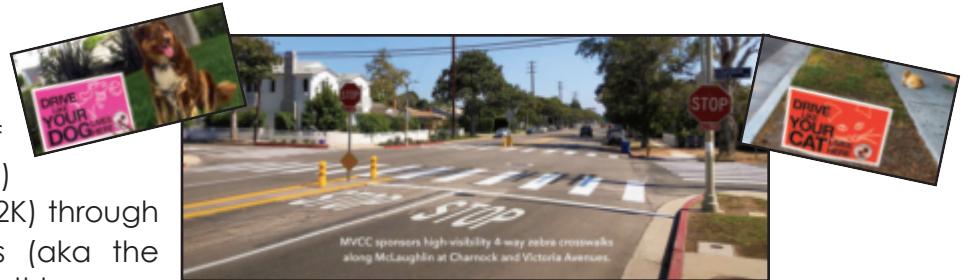


# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY NEWS

A publication of the Mar Vista Community Council

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The MVCC is an advisory, but official, elected entity of the City of Los Angeles (CoLA). All Neighborhood Councils (NCs) are overseen by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and receive a small budget (currently \$42K) through the CoLA. Governed by sunshine laws (aka the "Brown Act"), the Council meets monthly as a volunteer Board to deliberate on findings and motions passed in Committee. All Committee attendees are voting members of it; all persons who live, work, own property or who affirm "substantial and ongoing participation" within its boundaries have representation on the MVCC Board of Directors. Candidacy and voter eligibility of its Zone, At-Large and Community Directors are each detailed in MVCC's Bylaws. All positions will be re-elected in June 2019.



MVCC's mission is to provide a forum for discussion of issues affecting the quality of life of its stakeholders, and also to facilitate stakeholder communication and serve as the advocate for the Council area, with officials of the City of Los Angeles and other governmental and non-governmental entities.

In contrast, nine Neighborhood Associations (NAs) lie within MVCC's boundaries – smaller, non-certified, membership organizations that vary broadly in their governance, tax status, political and social engagement. As the nexus between organized government and confederations of neighbors, with this issue MVCC celebrates community involvement and our constituent neighborhood groups.

In this issue of the MVCC Fall 2018 Newsletter, we will highlight the way our nine NAs interleaf with MVCC's six Zones, and celebrate highpoints of each NA's activities. With this issue we remark on the long-awaited community initiative to renovate our old Fire Station as a meeting place for community groups and MVCC Committees alike. And with this issue we welcome the return of MVCC's Fall Festival at the Mar Vista Park.

Please **JOIN US!** in discussing political issues through Committees, in growing our community public space, and in playing together at Mar Vista's Fall Festival in the Mar Vista Park, on October 6, 2018, 10am to 6pm.

## Celebrating Community in Mar Vista!

### General Calendar: SELECT PERIODIC MEETINGS IN MVCC'S BOUNDARIES

WEEK	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>Farmer's Market Tents</b> Blue: Historic FS 62 Green: TBA	<b>Executive &amp; Finance</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; CC WVHA (Z1)	<b>Education, Arts And Culture</b> 6 <sup>00</sup> /p; MVL	<b>Transportation And Infrastructure</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; WS MVNA (Z4)	<b>Planning and Land Use Management</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> /p; MVL MV Art Walk [quarterly]	<b>Z2 Coffee Hour w/Damien</b>	<b>Airport</b> 6 <sup>00</sup> /p; SA
2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>Farmer's Market Tents</b> Blue: Bike MV Green: TBA	<b>Community Outreach</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> /p; MVL	<b>MVCC Board of Directors</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; MVRC	<b>Great Streets</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> /p; MVL	<b>Public Health And Safety</b> 6 <sup>00</sup> /p; WS MV Historical Society 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; SG		
3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>Farmer's Market Tents</b> Blue: Public Service Agencies/Community groups Green: TBA		<b>Emergency Preparation</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; GLC	<b>Homeless Issues</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> /p; MVL <b>Traffic Issues</b> (Bimonthly, closed representation)	<b>Aging in Place</b> 6p; WS [quarterly] VHS Alumni 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; VAH		
4 <sup>TH</sup> / "LAST" (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	<b>Farmer's Market Tents</b> Blue: MV Chamber and/or Community Groups Green: Master Gardeners	<b>Bike/Mobility MV</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; WS	<b>Community Plan</b> 7 <sup>30</sup> /p; SA	<b>Elections &amp; Bylaws</b> 6 <sup>00</sup> /p; WS NWNA (Z2) 7 <sup>00</sup> /p; SA	<b>POSEy</b> 6 <sup>00</sup> /p 6 <sup>30</sup> /p; MVL WMVRA (Z6) 6 <sup>30</sup> /p; PRC		

Color-codes: **MVCC Committees;** **MVCC Non-Committee Meetings;** **Community Meetings/Events**

**CC:** Coffee Connection, Station Room  
**MVL:** Mar Vista Library  
**PRC:** Penmar Recreation Center  
**SG:** Spitfire Grill  
**WS:** Windward School, Room 1030

Gethsemane Lutheran Church: **GLC**  
 Mar Vista Recreation Center, small gymnasium: **MVRC**  
 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church: **SA**  
 VHS Alumni House: **VAH**

"Resident's Association" (RA), "Neighborhood Association" (NA), and "Homeowner's Association" (HOA) are all considered "Local Resident's Associations" – these are non-MVCC Local Associations of neighbors; contact MVCC Zone Directors and Local Associations directly for their events or meeting times and places

## Meet Mar Vista's Neighborhood Associations



### **MVCC Zone 2** (DIRECTOR: Damien Newton)

#### **North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA)**

About 40 years ago, a crime watch group started that would become the North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA). Today, crime is still an issue as well as traffic, over-development and Santa Monica Airport's noise and air pollution. The NWNNA boundaries cover the identical area to Zone 2 of the MVCC.

On Saturday, September 29, from noon to 7pm, the NWNNA will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Block Party that will include live music and local talent of all ages performing on stage. The party takes place in the parking lot behind Saint Andrew's located at 11555 National Blvd. There will be children's activities as well as food.

For more information, please visit our website, <http://www.northwestdale.com/> or contact NWNNA President Martin Rubin via [martinrubin@earthlink.net](mailto:martinrubin@earthlink.net) or call 310.479.2529.



### **MVCC Zone 1** (DIRECTOR: Ken Alpern) **Westside Village Civic Association (WVHA)**

Westside Village is Zone 1 of the MVCC, encompassing approximately 1,100 single family homes, apartments and condominiums. Founded in 1961 as a non-profit, non-partisan organization, Westside Village Homeowners Association (WVHA) monitors public and private developments with the goal of improving and enhancing the area. We promote health and safety measures such as crime prevention, disaster preparedness and local traffic and parking modification, and we support an active Neighborhood Watch program in conjunction with LAPD.

See: <http://www.westsidevillage.org>.

WVHA's annual Preparedness Fair is slated this year for Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 6:30-9pm. The

Fair will feature top brass from across the City addressing the timely topic of "Resilience: Planning for Recovery." There will be experts, demonstrations, and vendors so you can add to your disaster preparedness supplies. Stay tuned for more free disaster readiness drills and classes in our neighborhood throughout the year.



### **MVCC Zone 6** (DIRECTOR: Holly Tilson)

#### **West Mar Vista Residents Association (WMVRA)**

West Mar Vista Residents Association (WMVRA) is a community-benefit, member-supported organization whose members reside and/or own property in our neighborhood, mostly within the attendance boundaries of Mark Twain Middle School. The WMVRA works actively to promote a Mar Vista where all people can thrive and flourish. We stand for these quality-of-life values: family housing, free-flowing traffic, ample parking, good schools, preservation and enhancement of open space, emergency preparedness, and community involvement. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at Penmar Rec Center, Child Care Room, 1440 Lake Street, Venice from 6:30p to 8p. All are welcome.

Contact: [saeed.ali8@icloud.com](mailto:saeed.ali8@icloud.com) or 310-493-0959.



#### **West Mar Vista Neighborhood Association (WMVNA)**

<http://westmarvista.org>



### **MVCC Zone 5** (DIRECTOR: Michelle Krupkin)

#### **North Oval Neighborhood Association**



The North Oval Neighborhood Association has existed for at least half a century but was formalized in 2008 to address neighborhood safety and infrastructure concerns, build community awareness and spirit and give greater voice to MVCC stakeholders.

With connections to the eminent designer of New York's Central Park, the Oval tract was laid out by Lillian Charnock Price in 1911 as a housing development, subdivided from former bean farmlands belonging to her uncle, Ballona pioneer John J. Charnock.

Modern North Oval property owners recently celebrated reconstruction of their seriously crumbled curbs, having voted themselves into an assessment district that resulted in rebuilt roadways, current standard curbs and gutter.

Other issues concerning Oval residents include: its iconic century-old Canary Island Palms, drought tolerant landscaping, irrigation and sustainability – for new Fire Station #62 and beyond; apron parking, oversize Cell towers, vehicular dwelling, cut through traffic and pedestrian and scooter safety.



### **South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association (SoMar)**

The South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, or "SoMar", has been active on many fronts in MVCC over the years. As a champion of neighborhood business, we were instrumental in: installing "Mar Vista" signage, encouraging new business along Venice and Grand View Boulevards, [continued, p. 3]



**MVCC Zone 3** (DIRECTOR: Mary Hruska)**Westdale Homeowners Association (WHOA)**

The Westdale Homeowner's Association (WHOA) annual Block Party and Potluck will be celebrated this year on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 5pm, on Colby Avenue between Stanwood and Kingsland. The tradition in Westdale has been to vary the party's location and theme to honor our diversity. With different localities hosting, the past has brought us variously: a bike parade, garage bands, paella feasts, and a sukkah!

Westdale emerged in 1947, developed by Paul W. Trousdale as approximately 450 single story tract homes on a section of the former Stevens Ranch. WHOA was established on August 30, 1949, and today comprises twice that number of single-family dwellings. The WHOA Board of Directors meets and publishes The Villager quarterly; our Annual Meeting is held the last Tuesday of January. Some apartments and condos as well as Mar Vista Park fall along the Westdale boundaries. For more information please visit our website at [www.westdalehoa.org](http://www.westdalehoa.org).

**Hilltop Neighbors Association (Hilltop)**

The Hilltop Neighborhood Association (HNA) was founded over 28 years ago by a group of dedicated community members, committed to the health and safety of their neighbors. Including about 950 family units, we depend on dedicated Block Captains to deliver our newsletter, the Hilltop Beacon.

The HNA Mission is threefold: to work with the LAPD to monitor criminal activity in the area and to keep everyone informed; to support a group of volunteers trained and equipped to assist in case of a disaster (CERT); and to encourage neighbors to be active in a very successful Neighborhood Watch program. We provide decals for homes, door hangers (WE'RE OK / WE NEED HELP), neighborhood watch signs for streets, and disaster supplies for the neighborhood. We keep our membership current with issues and news of concern in the neighborhood through an annual community information meeting and our e-mail list.

Email us at [hilltopneighbors@aol.com](mailto:hilltopneighbors@aol.com).

**MVCC Zone 4** (DIRECTOR: Aaron Elster)**Mar Vista Neighborhood Association (MVNA)**

"Neighbors connecting neighbors – together, we are a better community"

MVNA's purpose is to build a strong, caring community in the belief that together, we'll all be healthier, happier, and safer. We do this by creating ways for neighbors to come together: we publish local information via our quarterly printed/digital newsletter, our website, Facebook page, and monthly eBlast.



Our biggest event brings out hundreds for our annual potluck block party, featuring great local music and food, municipal and regional representatives, and members of public and social agencies sharing information and having fun with our community.



In January MVNA hosts a forum exploring topics of interest to our community. Year-round participation is facilitated through clubs, including public safety/neighborhood watch, arts & culture, film discussion, athletic groups – running, walking, cycling, book clubs, birds/butterflies/gardens, and more.

For more information or to join, please visit <http://mvneighbors.org>. Hope to hear from you!

**SoMar [Continued]**

advocating for Venice Boulevard's trash cans and landscaped medians, and realizing the concept of a Farmers Market via a prominent, local business-owner's investment, with results enjoyed by the whole community every Sunday.

SoMar has been a watch dog for its members and the broader Mar Vista community, partnering with WMVRA to address out-of-character, oversize development along Venice Boulevard, as well as the posting and enforcement of overnight parking restrictions along the Boulevard's length.

For more information on SoMar, to become a member, or make a donation, visit our web site at <http://southmarvista.wordpress.com/>, or send an email to [contactsjwallace@gmail.com](mailto:contactsjwallace@gmail.com).

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FIVE POINTS OF CONTACT							
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**At-Large and Community Directors of MVCC**

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Rob Kadota (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair) Susan Klos  
Sara Roos (Secretary) Nanxi Liu

All Directors and Committee Co-Chairs may be emailed via [FirstName.LastName@marvista.org](mailto:FirstName.LastName@marvista.org)

Pacific's geographical territory is divided into eight separate "basic car" areas, each managed by a Senior Lead Officer (SLO). SLOs are the primary point of contact for on-going crimes or for quality of life concerns.

**TO REPORT CRIMES IN PROGRESS CALL 911;** for all other crimes call 877-ASK-LAPD.

**All MVCC Board Directorships are open for election in June, 2019**



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US!**

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Please come out and join us for our community's most beloved celebration, the Mar Vista Fall Fun Festival!

We are back for 2018 with fun for the whole family. At the festival you will be able to enjoy food, games, shopping, and live entertainment. Come out and meet with professionals and business owners right from your own community!

FREE FOR ALL AGES! The Festival will start at 10am and continue all day. We will have raffles with amazing prizes!

You won't want to miss out on this fun! See you there!

For more info, visit:  
[CommunityFun.org](http://CommunityFun.org)

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Good Eats  
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**Everyone  
is Welcome!**

**Mar Vista  
Fall Fun!  
FESTIVAL  
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**FREE Admission!**

**Saturday  
October 6, 2018  
10:00am-6:00pm**

**Mar Vista Park  
& Recreation Center**  
11430 Woodbine St,  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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