



North Natomas

Transportation Management Association

Westlake Charter

Walking Wednesdays
and Fridays

NEWS



Westlake Charter April 2011

Get Ready for "May is Bike Month!"



Natomas elementary and middle schools are participating in the 2011 May is Bike Month. This regional campaign, also

called "Million Mile May" encourages cycling as an alternative form of transportation to improve air quality and promote health.

Please encourage your child to ride their bike during the month of May. If you live within one mile of your school, it is only a 10-minute ride, which is considered one full trip. Students will record their trips each day in class, which allows them to win weekly prizes. Parents, you can also participate with your neighbors and co-workers in bicycling to work and for errands and recreation. If you want to join your child as they pedal their way to helping the region make it to a million miles, visit www.MayIsBikeMonth.com for more information or contact North Natomas TMA at (916) 419-9955.



70 Bikes for Tykes!

The TMA would like to say "thank you" to all those who donated old bikes for our Bike Donation Drive. We are happy to report that we received 70 bicycles! Our very own mechanic has been diligently working on repairing the bikes and we plan on re-allocating them to local students in April. Stay tuned!



Officer John Banks

Retired Officer to Bring Local Traffic Improvements

Natomas will soon be getting an extra shot of traffic safety as retired Sacramento Police Officer, John Banks, recently accepted the position of Traffic Safety Officer for the North Natomas Unified School District, working for newly elected District 1 Sacramento Councilmember Angelique Ashby. His mission is to provide great customer service and a safe environment for students and staff at the various school locations throughout Natomas. Banks says he is looking forward to implementing changes that will improve current traffic issues locally.

During his time with the police department, Banks worked with the Patrol Division, Traffic Division, Youth & Family Services and Problem Oriented Policing Team. He is certified as the department's Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician and was bestowed with two Bronze Medals of Valor.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7-8 - 4th Grade Sutter's Fort Field Trip

April 9 - 6th Annual International Festival & Fix-It Fair!

April 18-29 - Spring Break / No School

Every Wednesday & Friday - Walk or bike to school!

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Walk and Bike To School program sponsored by the North Natomas TMA, a nonprofit organization with the mission to foster transportation behaviors that benefit the community through advocacy, programs, education, and services. Contact mellissa@nntma.org - 419-9955



Pick-ups Got You Down?



Garcia Family

When Ebers Garcia took his children Eliana and Evan to school, it seemed he was spending a lot of time crawling through traffic. Picking them up in the afternoon was no different. This frustration vanished about a year ago when he began volunteering in the Walk to

School program. "It offers parents and students the choice to walk or bike to school in a safe and healthy way," he says.

Reporting from the front lines of pedal and pedestrian power, Ebers says that Westlake families' participation in the program is on the rise and traffic on the decline. It's also the perfect time for students to share a laugh over Mr. Capp's latest joke while also getting a boost in physical activity.

As part of an overall effort to be greener, the entire Garcia family now bikes to school every day unless it is storming. "It is important to teach our kids alternative modes of transportation, energy conservation and the benefits of recycling," says Ebers.

Get Up To \$250 in Bike Rebates -Deadline April 30th

Biking weather is here and the pavement and trails are calling! In celebration of the season, the Bicycle and Accessory Rebate Program is now accepting applications.

Adults may receive up to \$250, or 40 percent, back on a new bike and \$100 back on children's bikes. Don't forget the bells and whistles with an additional accessory rebate worth up to \$50. The accessory rebate applies to adults only.

Rebate recipients are chosen and notified by a committee and will be required to attend a cycling clinic before a rebate check can be issued. Applications must be postmarked by April 30th. Visit www.NorthNatomasTMA.org to apply.

Bike Doc to the Rescue!

When the squeaky wheel needs greasing, why get dirty doing it yourself? Head over to Westlake Charter's 6th Annual International Festival where you can find the North Natomas TMA's Bike Doc.

Bring your bike for FREE safety checks and repairs on Saturday, April 9th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bikes will be repaired on a first-come, first-served basis. One bicycle per person, please.



All parents and students who ride their bikes to the event will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a great prize. Avoid getting stuck looking for parking or getting ticketed, park at Walgreens (3521 Del Paso Road) and ride your bike to Westlake Charter! Brand new helmets will also be on sale for only \$5! Remember it's the law - any child under 18 must wear a helmet when riding a bike!



Celebrate Earth Day on April 22

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ECOSYSTEM	REUSE	RESOURCE
ENVIRONMENT	RECYCLE	OCEAN

