

North Westdale News

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Save Our Trees!

National Boulevard Pine Trees Threatened

Could this be the last Christmas for the pine trees on National Boulevard between Butler and Federal?

Neighbor Donna Strull has brought it to the attention of the NWNA that the City of Los Angeles plans to remove ALL trees from 111431 - 11533 W. National Boulevard. A notice has

been posted stating that the trees will be cut down, the sidewalk replaced and then the trees replanted. The



notice has been posted on only two of the trees which may have given some the impression that only a few of the trees were being removed. No hearing has been scheduled or announced.

We have contacted the Street Tree Division of the Bureau of Street Services in order to find out more information and hope to find out if it is at all possible to repair the sidewalks without removing trees that have been in this neighborhood for 40+ years. Stay tuned!



DUES REMINDER

Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household

Just a reminder that, if you have not already sent in dues, we are currently collecting annual dues.

Dues are voluntary and are used to cover operating costs (post office box, website hosting and printing), sponsor events (annual garage sale, meet and greets) and support initiatives and organizations concerned with improving the neighborhood (Richland Elementary, LAPD, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution).

You can give your donation to your block captain (if your block doesn't have a captain, please consider volunteering!), bring it to the next meeting in person, or send it to the North Westdale Neighborhood Association at P.O. Box 64522, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Thank you!

North Westdale Social Diners' Club

A new club is forming for those who like to eat! Do you enjoy trying new restaurants and meeting new friends from the neighborhood? This club is for you! Please attend this week's meeting as we will be selecting our first restaurant for review and a good time/date for the adventure!



SAVE THE DATE!

Next North Westdale Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, December 10

7:00pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Federal & Clarkson

Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month.

Upcoming Dates:

January 14

February 11

March 10

From The President's Desk:



Dear Neighbors:

Happy Holidays, North Westdale!

If you're like me, you've been feeling more frenzied with a holiday schedule that demands more

time and effort with every passing day as we approach year-end! But rest assured, yours truly is more committed than ever to the needs of our community and I encourage each of you to get more involved with your neighborhood and attend our next meeting. Do you have a suggestion for how we can improve our area or our communications with you? Please call me at (310) 702-4208 or email me at tsanelli@acfpartners.com

As we get through the new

year I'm sure we'll all feel re-energized and excited about participating in our neighborhood events and progress. Until then, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Your friend and neighbor,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli
President, NWNA

Richland Avenue Elementary Announcements Our Kids are Growing Strong!

GARDEN UPDATE

Congratulations to the children at Richland Avenue Elementary! They made their first harvest in the revitalized school garden recently. Their green thumbs were so productive, there were enough fresh fruits and vegetables for all the children to take some home PLUS make a donation of 35 pounds to the Westside Food Bank. What a wonderful way to give back to the community!



Pavilion to the Customer Service desk (2nd Floor) and ask them to credit Richland Avenue Elementary. For every dollar spent, Richland earns points toward school supplies. During the month of December, earn QUADRUPLE points for purchasing gift cards (purchase a gift card for yourself to shop with and earn points on the gift card and the store purchases!). And in January, all receipts logged will receive DOUBLE points. It's a great opportunity to help our local school earn new equipment and supplies.

SCHOOL CENTS

Don't forget about the School Cents program when you're doing your holiday shopping! Be sure to take all your receipts for purchases made at the Westside

SOUP LABEL AND BOXTOP COLLECTION
Richland is also collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. You can drop either off in the school office.



Mar Vista Farmers Market: Holiday Events

Check out the Mar Vista Farmers Market this month! New vendors include Westside Bakery (mini-bundt cakes in many flavors ... YUM!) and Sweet Sugar Jones (cakes, cookies, brownies and cupcakes), plus empanadas and three new organic fruit and vegetable farmers.

And don't miss these special upcoming events:

- Dec 9: Holiday Crafts Fair, potato latkes and music by Klemzer Juice (as seen in the movie Wedding Crashers)
- Dec 16: Holiday Crafts Fair and Santa Claus

Seven Weeks to a Safer Life (and a Better Neighbor) One North Westdaler's CERT Training Experience

By: Victoria Sanelli, NWN Newsletter Editor

Over the past couple of years, I've often printed information in this newsletter about upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings. But it wasn't until this past October that I finally had the opportunity to take the course myself and can now share with you what a valuable and informative experience CERT offers.

The course was taught by Los Angeles Firefighter Shapiro for two and a half hours on Tuesday evenings at UCLA. Every week I learned something that would help me take care of myself and my family and friends during an emergency or natural disaster. Perhaps the most important fact, and initially the scariest, was that in a large scale disaster (such as an earthquake), emergency services will be unavailable to assist us, possibly for several days. Sure, I'd seen Hurricane Katrina on the news, but I never related that to the risk of living in an earthquake prone area. And earthquakes strike without warning. The course was so timely — the week before the San Diego/Malibu fires, we discussed planning ahead what items we should save if we ever needed to evacuate our house with only a few minutes notice.

After scaring us half to death, Firefighter Shapiro then equipped us with the knowledge that would help dispel our fears. We learned what types of equipment and supplies we should have on hand, how to assess a disaster area, how to triage the injured, how to check the people for injuries and treat minor injuries, how to conduct search and rescue operations, how to put out small fires (we even got to use a fire extinguisher on a real fire) and much more. Best of all, my next door neighbor happened to take the same CERT training with me, so right now the 2700 block of Barry Avenue is very prepared!

Anyway, I hope I can convey to you a little of how valuable this course has been to me. If you haven't thought much about preparing for a disaster, I highly recommend you take this course (upcoming dates are below).

I know it can be difficult to find time, so an abbreviated half-day course is also available. If you would be interested in this option, please contact me. If we have enough interest, I will organize a special training with the Fire Department right here in our neighborhood. You can contact me at bunigr1@gmail.com or (310) 694-0228. Thanks!

North Westdale Neighborhood Classifieds

For Neighbors — By Neighbors



Mortgage Loans

Need to give your mortgage a brush up? Remodeling? Line of credit? Sick of those wacky radio ads? Call Tony Sanelli for friendly counsel at
(310) 702-4208

Your Classified HERE! Email
Tony Sanelli at
tsanelli@acfpartners.com

CERT Training

Help our neighborhood become better prepared for emergencies by taking this valuable course sponsored by the L.A. Fire Department. Upcoming training sessions in our area will be held at:



Jinenkan Martial Arts
2130 Sawtelle Boulevard (& Mississippi)
Monday-Thursday, 8am-1pm
(Jan 7, Jan 8, Jan 9 and Jan 10)
Contact: Blaca Gentil (310) 477-8425

UCLA School of Public Affairs
337 Charles E. Young Drive East
Room 2343, Public Affairs Building
Fridays, 9am-12pm
(Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22)
Contact: Sherry Dodge (310) 206-4613

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
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If you have questions or would like to volunteer and get more involved with the neighborhood association, contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acfpartners.com.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN) serves the community bounded by the 405 Freeway to the east, National Blvd to the south, Centinela Ave/Bundy Drive (Centinela north of Ocean Park and Bundy south of Ocean Park) to the west, and the Santa Monica Freeway to the north, representing approximately 1,000 homes. All residents, both home owners and renters, are members.

There is an annual voluntary donation of \$10 per household. NWN strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.



Join The North Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA>
Click on the "Join This Group" button and follow the online instructions.



BLOCK CAPTAINS UPDATE

We still need block captains for the following areas:

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| 2600, 2800 Armacost | 12100 Clarkson |
| 2600-2800 Barrington | 2700-2800 Colby |
| 2700-2800 Burkshire | 11400-11500 National |
| 2400 Bundy | |

If you have just 15-30 minutes a month to pass out newsletters, please consider volunteering! We are also looking for temporary block captains to fill in on blocks without captains. For more information, contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acfpartners.com.



Police Report

Senior Lead Officer
Thomas Wicks
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 10/14/07 - 11/10/07:

- Aggravated Assaults 1
- Burglary (Vehicle) 15
- Robbery 6
- Burglary (Res/Biz) 12
- Grand Theft Auto 6
- Homicide 0
- Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in Basic Car

14A25 area. During the Holiday Season it becomes even harder to stop BFMV suspects. Never leave items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. Lock them in your trunk of your vehicle. Do not leave items of value locked in your glove box, that is the first place BFMV suspects look. Attempt to park your vehicle in a well-lit location with heavy traffic flow, criminals detest being seen committing their crime. Deploy and arm any anti-theft devise you may have for your vehicle for added protection. Join your local Neighborhood

Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

A25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEETING
Tuesday, December 11, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles

NOTICE: We have invited our new lead officer, Officer Wicks to come to one of our monthly meetings for a meet and greet. He has tentatively scheduled for February. Please start thinking about what issues you would like to discuss with him.