

North Westdale News

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Support Your Neighborhood! Dues Collection This Month



Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household

Dues are voluntary and are used to cover operating costs (post office box, website hosting and printing), sponsor events such as the annual neighborhood garage sale and support initiatives and organizations concerned with improving the neighborhood, such as Richland Elementary. Please show your support!

You can give your donation to your block captain in the attached envelope. You can also mail your dues to P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Next Meeting, Come Hear From

Jennifer Anderson

Casden Project Liason



Learn more about the proposed development project at 11122 Pico Boulevard and 2341-2441 S. Sepulveda Boulevard. Although located just outside North Westdale, its proximity to our neighborhood is certain to have an impact. This is an opportunity to learn more about what is planned and provide your input to the developer. The project currently includes a 10-story mixed use structure containing a commercial structure of 266,800 square feet (212,450 square foot retail store and 54,350 square foot food market) and residential structures of approximately 512,870 square feet containing 538 units.

North Westdale Social Diners' Club

Come ... to Chan Dara!

Love to eat? Join the club! Dine out, meet your neighbors and support a local restaurant! Next Meeting:



Monday, January 5 at 7:00pm

Chan Dara

11940 W. Pico Blvd (1/2 blk east of Bundy)

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

Monday,
December 8

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

Mark Your
Calendars!
Upcoming
Meetings

January 12

February 9

March 9

Agenda

1. Casden Project Presentation
2. Budget and Spending plan highlights
3. Open Floor to Neighborhood questions, comments and concerns

From The President's Desk:



Dear Neighbors:

We'll be having a special meeting this week to hear about the proposed Casden project residential and retail complex. This will have a major impact on our area and we'd really like to hear your input as we'll have a guest liason there to respond to your concerns.

Did you hear, its time for dues? Once a year the NWNA asks for your financial contribution to keep us afloat. Out of 800 households total we typically receive contributions from about 175

households, which I think is very low. I know we can do much better than that! I know most of you appreciate having the NWNA as a neighborhood voice and community organizer. We develop fun activities like social get togethers, dinner club, neighborhood garage sale, and we stay in touch with local government on issues like property development, neighborhood beautification, and all issues that impact our daily lives. In short: we are here for you! Please support us with a minimum \$10 check, more is appreciated. The newsletter alone costs \$7 per household each year. With your generosity we can be more effective and in turn more generous as a source of support for other worthy organizations in our area like Richland Elementary, CRAAP and Friends of Sunset

Park.

If there is any way the NWNA can support you and your concerns please don't hesitate to email me personally, and to come visit our monthly meeting. If you have any good ideas to improve our community safety, lifestyle, and growth we would love to hear from you!

Your friend and neighbor,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli
President, NWNA

Monthly Farmers Market Report

Here are some suggestions for holiday gifts from the Mar Vista Farmers Market.

P.O.P. Candy makes fresh butter crunch candies. You'll find a wonderful selection of treats: rosemary-almond, pecan, thyme-walnut-cherries (be sure to try this one), among others. They use fresh herbs from the farmers market. These treats would make great stocking stuffers. P.O.P. Candy can make gift boxes and will ship.

Harry's Honey, from the San Fernando Valley, has a great selection of honeys, each with its own distinct flavor: blackberry, eucalyptus, orange, avocado. He also sells honey stix: sour strawberry, amaretto, pink lemonade and mango mania to name a few. His honey-sweetened jams include raspberry, peach, strawberry, apple, blueberry and currant. Don't forget the honey-sweetened BBQ sauce. There are also beeswax candles. Harry can put together a gift basket of his products.

Avila and Sons has gift boxes of fresh nuts and dried fruits. Ha's Apple Farm has a great selection of jams: strawberry, raspberry, Asian pear cinnamon, and Bartlett pear. They also sell pomegranate jelly and Fuji apple butter.

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The School Report

Upcoming Events and News From Richland Avenue Elementary

YEE HAW! IT'S KINDER ROUND UP!

If you're getting read to send a little one off to kindergarten, be sure to attend one of Richland Avenue Elementary School's upcoming Kinder Round Ups! The round ups will take place on:



- Thursday, January 29, 2009
- Thursday, February 26, 2009
- Thursday, March 19, 2009

All round ups are held at 9am in the library of Richland Avenue Elementary School. For more information, contact the school at (310) 473-0467.

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Just a reminder that in this tough budgetary climate, little things can make a big difference. As you go about your daily business, here are some simple ways you can contribute to our neighborhood school:

- Turn in receipts for anything purchased at the

Westside Pavilion at the Customer Service Desk (2nd Floor) for the School Cents Program.

- Save Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education
- Sign up your grocery store club cards or WAMU debit card (follow procedures on their websites)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: BECOME A READING PARTNER

Share the joy of reading with an elementary school child. Richland's Wonder of Reading program is



looking for volunteers to read with students. Volunteers read with their student for one hour a week during school hours. Contact school librarian Susie Moreno at (310) 473-0467 for more information.

RICHLAND AVENUE ALUMNI CLUB

Did you go to Richland Avenue Elementary School? If so, contact Emily Bosma at ebosma@roppers.com and join their newly forming alumni group!

BLOCK NEEDED



CAPTAINS

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| 2600, 2800 Armacost | 2700-2800 Berkshire |
| 2700-2800 Barrington | 12100 Clarkson |
| 2400 Bundy | 2400-2800 Stoner |
| 2400-2800 Granville | <u>WALT'S BLOCK!</u> |

Time commitment is just 15-30 minutes a month to make a difference to our neighborhood! If you or someone you know would make a good block captain, please call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acfpatterns.com.

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
Vice President	Bahaa Mikhail
Secretary	Amy Levy
Treasurer	Lillia Singer
Webmaster	Andrew Parke
Newsletter Editor	Victoria Sanelli

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 bunigrrl@gmail.com.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA) 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. NWNNA strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.

We're on the web!

www.northwestdale.com

Join The North
Westdale E-Mail List!

Go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNNA>

Click on the "Join This Group" button and follow the online instructions.

North Westdale Neighborhood Classifieds

For Neighbors — By Neighbors

Your Classified **HERE!**

Email Tony Sanelli at
tsanelli@acfpartners.com



Real Estate Financing Tony Sanelli

Skip the high pressure sales tactics and the cheesy marketing. Instead, call Tony Sanelli for knowledgeable answers to your mortgage questions and professional assistance with your real estate purchase and finances.

(310) 702-4208

NWNNA would like to thank the business on this page for their financial support of our monthly newsletter and contribution to our community development. We hope for satisfied community business relationships, however, the NWNNA cannot make any guarantees or endorsements regarding the services of the organizations herewith.

Richland Avenue Elementary Holiday Boutique

**Saturday December 6, 2008
12:00 - 3:00 pm**

*11562 Richland Ave.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90064*

Great holiday gifts and craft items from our neighborhood vendors and Richland Elementary students.

Featuring: "Healthy Chocolate" Gift Baskets, The Bear Builders, Bags Too Riches, Tupperware, Cookie Lee, and more...

Purchase your Holiday Poinsettias
from our Booster Club's
beautiful selection!

Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of holiday shopping with raffles, food, desserts, Starbucks coffee... all for a great cause...Our Neighborhood School!