

# North Westdale News

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## North Westdale Walking Group



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
Meet at Colby & Richland  
6:30 a.m.

It's fun and it's good for you!

For more information, contact Audrey McDonnell at (310) 575-1084 or  
audreyodonnell@aol.com.

## Richland Avenue Elementary News and Events Save the Date for Some Local Fun

There are lots of exciting new things happening at Richland Avenue Elementary! Mark your calendar and join your North Westdale neighbors at the following events:

### Kirk Douglas Playground Dedication

Wednesday, February 28

### International Festival and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 17  
12:30pm-3:30pm

Free dance and music performances. Games and fun for the whole family! To donate an item or service to the auction, please contact Kami Turrou at (310) 575-0058 or email [turrschreib@earthlink.net](mailto:turrschreib@earthlink.net).



Also, the Schools Rule program is still going on. If you shop at the Westside Pavilion or Santa Monica Place Mall, bring your receipts from any purchases made between 9/15/06 –

5/15/07 to the Guest Services desk and they will log your receipts and return them immediately. For every dollar spent, Richland Avenue Elementary will receive points toward the purchase of items for student-use. Currently Richland ranks 26th out of 40 schools in total points, so please don't forget to get your purchases

counted!

Your support of our local school is greatly appreciated. It makes our whole neighborhood a better place!

## Spring Meet and Greet Picnic

Help plan a fun event for the whole neighborhood! Come to the next Nwana meeting and give your input! It's going to be a fun event for the whole family with food, music and more. Be part of a project that will encourage grassroots community friendship.

Can't make the meeting? Contact Bahaa Mikhail ([bnmikhail@yahoo.com](mailto:bnmikhail@yahoo.com)) or Tony Sanelli ([tsanelli@acfppartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfppartners.com)).



## SAVE THE DATE!

Next North Westdale Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday,  
February 12

7:00pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Federal & Clarkson

### AGENDA

1. Spring Picnic
2. Committee Updates
3. New Business

Other Upcoming Meeting Dates:

March 12

April 9

May 14

See You There!

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
Vice President	Bahaa Mikhail
Secretary	Amy Levy
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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Mar Vista Community Council Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting



Tuesday, February 13, 2007  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street

Stop by the North Westdale Neighborhood Association table for FREE pizza and soda and catch up with your neighbors! This meeting focuses on emergency preparedness, crime and safety.

## SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WANTED!



Help your neighborhood AND your business! You can reach 1,000+ North Westdale residents by sponsoring this newsletter. You will be allocated a section for advertising your products and/or services. If you are interested, please contact Tony Sanelli at [tsanelli@acfpartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com) or (310) 694-0228.



## Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
Craig White  
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 12/28/06 - 1/24/07:

Aggravated Assaults 3  
Burglary (Vehicle) 5  
Robbery 2  
Burglary (Res/Biz) 6  
Grand Theft Auto 8  
Homicide 0  
Sex 0

During this rating period  
Burglary (Residential/

Business) has become a problem in our area. Overall our crime is down all around the board but residential burglaries are occurring during day-watch hours. In several of the burglaries the suspects forced open the rear door or window at location to avoid anyone observing them committing their crime. The suspects removed hand held carry items for a quick get away. Install additional locks to the rear doors and windows. Be a good neighbor, if you observe your fellow neighbor being victimized, call the

police right away with a good description of the suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one. It is still the best weapon we have against crime.

### Neighborhood Safety Tip

Neighborhood Watch works by showing residents they are not powerless against crime. By using crime-prevention training, victim assistance and phone trees, neighborhoods can help erase crime and gang violence from their communities.