

# North Westdale News

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Next Meeting, Come Meet & Greet:

## Officer Tom Wicks



Senior Lead Officer, Basic Car 14A25

Join us in welcoming Officer Wicks to the neighborhood!

Get to know our new Senior Lead Officer ... refreshments will be served!

Find out what you can do to help deter crime in our area!

Be part of continuing the tradition of partnering with the LAPD to improve public safety and quality of life!

### What is a senior lead officer?

A senior lead officer (SLO) is an officer in charge of a basic car area within a geographic division. SLOs provide a link that help unite the LAPD with the communities it serves. They are responsible for monitoring crime trends in basic car areas, working with Community-Police Advisory Boards and acting as liaisons with detectives to stay informed of crime trends and special problems within their area. The SLO is often the main liaison for problem solving between the Department and the resident. Continuous interaction between the police and local residents is essential to enhancing the quality of life and deter crime within the neighborhood.

SAVE THE DATE!

Next North  
Westdale  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Meeting

Monday,  
February 11

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

Meetings are  
held the 2nd  
Monday of the  
month.

Upcoming Dates:

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

# From The President's Desk:



Dear Neighbors:

I would like to thank the good folks who have risen to assume the duties of Block Captain, namely, Gwen Reinhart on Barry, Mike Richter on Colby, and Trish Koczko

on Clarkson. There are many Block Captains who have been providing many years of service, and they also deeply deserve the thanks of the community. We still have a few openings remaining- please check page 4 of this newsletter and don't hesitate to join us and be more involved!

As you can see from the cover, our upcoming meeting is our chance to make a favorable impression on the LAPD by meeting and greeting our new

Senior Lead Officer, Tom Wicks. Please join us for this meeting and enjoy the company of your neighbors, cookies and cakes, and participate in Q&A with our vital link to the police force.

Your friend and neighbor,

*Tony*

Tony X. Sanelli  
President, NWNA

## CRIME ALERT

### Phony Security Patrol Spotted in North Westdale

A neighbor on the 2500 block of Coolidge Avenue has reported that on January 29 in the late afternoon, a member of her household encountered a fake Bel-Air Patrol security guard. The man had parked a car with Bel-Air Patrol markings in front of the house and was picking up a package that had been left by UPS. Upon seeing the resident, the man handed back the package and said, "Oh, you're home. I was just getting ready to send this to the dispatcher for you."

The man, described as a middle-aged Hispanic male, was not wearing a Bel-Air Patrol uniform, but had on a black jacket that had

"Security" lettered across the back. The phone number on the car he was driving turned out to be a disconnected number. ADT, the parent company of Bel-Air Patrol, has been notified about this incident and they are investigating it as of this writing.

Since nothing was stolen and the man had left the area, the police were not able to do anything further. Neighbors are encouraged to contact LAPD dispatch immediately at 877-275-5273 (ASK-LAPD) to report any suspicious activity.

Please note that Security Service Systems has a dedicated

patrol car that does occasionally drive through North Westdale while they are patrolling Mar Vista and Hilltop. Residents who subscribe to their service may have the Security Service Systems patrolman check on their house several times a day while out of town. Currently North Westdale does not have enough subscribers to support a full-time patrol, but if you are interested in subscribing to the service, call (310) 477-2095

Also, you can receive notices like this directly by email by joining the NWNA Yahoo! Group. See the back page of this newsletter for more information about how to sign up.

### North Westdale Social Diners' Club



Next Meeting: Tlapazola Grill

Monday, February 4 at 7:30pm

Email Bahaa@MikhailFamily.com to RSVP



Don't just read the review in next month's newsletter, be part of this fun, new neighborhood group!

# The School Report

## Upcoming Events and News From Richland Avenue Elementary

### MAYOR'S DAY OF SERVICE RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately the recent rains caused the Mayor's Day of Service, including the projects at Richland Elementary School to be postponed. The event has been **tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, March 15**. Please mark your calendars and keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

### SCHOOL CENTS

Don't forget to make use of the School Cents program when shopping at the Westside Pavilion. **Take all your receipts for purchases made at 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. It's a great opportunity to help our local school earn new equipment and supplies.

### SOUP LABEL AND BOXTOP COLLECTION

Richland is also collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. You know you're already eating that cereal and soup, so take an extra 10 seconds to save the label or box top and you'll be helping a whole school of kids. You can drop both off in the school office or bring by the NWNA meeting and we will collect and drop them off for you.



## DID YOU KNOW?!

You can now put all clean plastics numbered 1 through 7, clean Styrofoam cups, Styrofoam food containers, Styrofoam packing materials (but not packing peanuts), plastic grocery bags, dry cleaning bags and plastic hangers in your BLUE recycling bin!

## 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

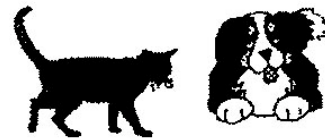
### Professional Escrow Services, Inc.

Donna Strull  
415 N. Crescent Drive,  
Suite 120  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Office: 310-274-0366  
Cell: 310-261-4316

Buying, selling or refinancing? Need notary services? Call me to discuss your needs. When you are ready to go into escrow, insist on Donna Strull at Professional Escrow Services — proudly serving the Westside since 1984.

## WESTSIDE PET SITTING

**Marilyn Noyes**  
Animal Care Consultant  
(310) 826-8747



**Serving the Westside since 1993**  
**MarNoyes@MSN.com**  
**Bonded & Licensed**

**Your Classified HERE!** Email Tony Sanelli at [tsanelli@acfpartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com)

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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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](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.

# Upcoming CERT Trainings



Be prepared for large scale emergencies and disasters with this **FREE** course sponsored by the L.A. Fire Department. Two courses will be held in our area starting in March.

**Mar Vista Library**  
12006 Venice Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

**W Hotel, Westwood**  
930 Hilgard Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Wednesdays, 5:30pm-8:00pm**  
March 5, 12, 19, 26  
April 2, 9, 16

**Thursdays 1:00pm-3:30pm**  
March 6, 13, 20, 27  
April 3, 10, 17

**Contact Pat Karasick**  
213-494-7586

**Contact Mike Bogosian**  
310-208-8765

Learn to protect yourself, family and neighbors in an emergency situation. You will be trained to put out small fires, assess injuries, provide basic medical aid, conduct search and rescue operations, organize volunteers into an effective team and collect disaster intelligence to help support first responder (police, fire) efforts.

## BLOCK CAPTAINS WANTED

2600, 2800 Armacost	2700-2800 (west) Butler
2600-2800 Barrington	12100 Clarkson
2400 Bundy	11400-11500 National
2700-2800 Berkshire	



All you need is 15-30 minutes a month!  
Call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or [tsanelli@acfpartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com).



## Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
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Sergeant Pompano  
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**Crime Trends**  
Updated crime statistics have not yet been released.