

North Westdale News

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A Delicious Start to the New Year North Westdale Dining Club To Visit Chan Dara Next!

What is the North Westdale Dining Club? It's a casual group open to all neighbors who enjoy dining out! The group usually dines out on the first Monday of the month. The goals of the group are to encourage support of our local restaurants while providing neighbors with a fun way to socialize and meet their neighbors.

Last month's dinner took place at Sawtelle Kitchen with everyone enjoying the unique Japanese fusion fare and sharing wine (thanks Bill!).



This month's dinner is scheduled for:

Monday, January 5
Chan Dara
11940 W. Pico Blvd
(1/2 block east of Bundy)

To RSVP or join the club mailing list, email Lilia at bellagardendesign@att.net. Feel free to submit your own restaurant suggestions as well. Happy Eating!

The School Report Upcoming Events and News From Richland Avenue Elementary

REMINDER! SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Don't forget there are many everyday ways you can support our local school:

- Turn in receipts for Westside Pavilion purchases 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)
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program. Just one hour a week can make a huge difference for a child! Contact school librarian Susie Moreno



at (310) 473-0467 for more information.

KINDER ROUND UPS FOR 2009

If you're getting ready 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.



Rat Poison Caution

Always be very careful when using poison to control rodents. Remember, the poison can't differentiate between rats and other animals you aren't trying to kill! Don't put poison out where wildlife, pets or children can get to it. Outdoors, use humane traps or baiting stations designed for rats and mice that prevent other animals from accessing the poison. Be sure to alert your neighbors, especially if they have pets or small children.

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:

Monday,
January 12

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

Mark Your
Calendars!
Upcoming
Meetings

February 9
March 9
April 13

Agenda

1. Subcommittee Updates
2. Open Floor to Neighborhood questions, comments and concerns

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@acpartners.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.

We're on the web!
www.northwestdale.com

**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.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

If you feel as if you've had your fill of turkey and beef, visit Smart Fish Company at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. They have a variety of fresh seafood to choose from: salmon, orange roughy, halibut, black cod and red snapper. You'll also find sashimi grade tuna, scallops, oysters, mussels, clams and shrimp. Ask about the seaweed salad that's ready for consumption. It's dressed with a light vinaigrette and has a wonderful texture. It will remind you of a summer day at the beach.

La Boulangerie will fill your bakery needs with baguettes, multi-grain, kalamata olive, walnut-raisin, and sourdough breads. They also carry campaillete made with wild honey. Check out their other breads as well as their pastries.

Here's just a few of the items you will find at Alex's Fruits and Nuts: lemon almonds, pepitas (pumpkin seeds), wasabi green peas, jumbo sunflower seeds, Brazilian nuts, cashews and Boston peas. Some of their dried fruit selections are mango with chili, fruit mix licorice, ginger and chili pineapple.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

Every Sunday 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Grand View at Venice Blvd.



Police Report

Senior Lead Officer
Thomas Wicks
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Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 11/16/08 - 12/16/08:

Aggravated Assaults 2
Burglary (Vehicle) 13
Robbery 6
Burglary (Res/Biz) 7
Grand Theft Auto 5
Homicide 1
Sex 1

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) and Robbery has continued to be a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. Lock and secure your vehicle at all times. Attempt to park your vehicle in well-lit areas; lighting can be a strong deterrent against burglary/theft from motor vehicle suspects. Additionally,

force or fear is the main element used by street muggers committing robberies in which property worn or carried by the victim in public is taken. Stop walking at night alone; attempt to walk with someone on well-lit streets. Join your local Business or Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have to combat crime.

Reminder:

A25 NEIGHBORHOOD
ADVISORY MEETING
Tues, January 13, 2009 @
7:00 p.m.
Pacific CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los
Angeles



BLOCK CAPTAIN OPENINGS

2600, 2800 Armacost	2700-2800 Burkshire
2700-2800 Barrington	12100 Clarkson
2400 Bundy	2400-2800 Stoner
2400-2800 Granville	2700-2800 Coolidge

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 let us know! Call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acpartners.com.