

# North Westdale News

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## Next NWNA Meeting: Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison



Monday, January 10  
7pm  
Saint Andrew's Church

Come meet LAPD Officer Drake Madison, the new Senior Lead Officer in charge of 14A25, which includes our neighborhood. Find out what is being done in our neighborhood to increase safety and combat crime!

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

**FREE** course taught by the L.A. Fire Department. Learn to protect yourself, family and neighbors in an emergency situation. Get trained to put out small fires, assess injuries, provide basic aid, conduct search and rescue, support police/fire department efforts and more. New course in our area starts January 13! To learn more about CERT, visit [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com).

UCLA RIEBER HALL, FIRESIDE LOUNGE  
310 De Neve Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Contact: Firefighter Jensen, (818) 756-9674

Thursdays, 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Jan 13, 20, 27 and Feb 3, 10 and 17

### PLUS: WESTSIDE CERT COMMUNITY MEETING

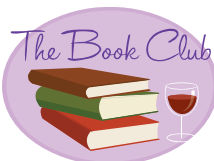
Thursday, January 13, 7pm-9pm

Fire Station 59

11505 Olympic Boulevard (at Butler)

Park inside the yard and enter through the side gate on Butler. Classroom is at the back of the yard (opposite from Olympic Blvd).

This meeting's topic will be alternative and emergency power sources for use during disasters. Prepare yourself with knowledge!



## NWNA Book Club: Next Meeting January 18

*Twelve Sharp* by Janet Evanovich

Club Meeting: Tuesday, January 18 at 7:15pm. We will also make upcoming book selections at the end of this meeting. Bring your suggestions!

For more information or to join, email Lillia Singer at [bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net).

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Jan 10:** Monthly NWNA Meeting. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

**Jan 13:** Westside CERT Community Meeting. Topic: Alternative and Emergency Power Sources. 7pm at Fire Station 59 (11505 Olympic Blvd.)

**Jan 18:** NWNA Book Club Meeting. *Twelve Sharp*. 7:15pm at the Wolfe house. Contact Lillia for details (see bottom of page).

**Feb 14:** Monthly NWNA Meeting. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

## MEETING AGENDA

FOR 1/10/11

1. Call to Order
2. Guest Speaker: Officer Drake Madison followed by Q&A
3. Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Treasurer
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Budget
  - b. Block Captains
  - c. Safety
  - d. Richland
  - e. Outreach
  - f. Airport
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

# The Richland Avenue Elementary School

## KINDER ROUND UPS



Yee-ha! Are you looking for a kindergarten? Come check out Richland Avenue Elementary School's excellent program. Kinder Round Ups will be held on:

- January 20 at 9am
- February 24 at 9am
- March 24 at 9am

Richland Avenue will also be holding play dates for future Richland students. If you are interesting in meeting your little one's potential new BFF, contact the school office at (310) 473-0467 for more information or visit the Booster Website at [www.richlandbooster.com](http://www.richlandbooster.com).

## SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

You don't have to have school-aged children to help our neighborhood school! There are lots of simple ways our entire neighborhood can support our local public school, including:

- Purchasing fresh veggies through the Richland Avenue CSA Program. Delivered right to the neighborhood!



## Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
Drake Madison  
33997@lapd.lacity.org  
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 10/1/10 - 10/31/10:

- Aggravated Assaults 1
- Burglary (Vehicle) 24
- Robbery 5
- Burglary (Res/Biz) 13
- Grand Theft Auto 9
- Homicide 0

Sex 0  
Theft 12

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a major problem in 14A25 area. Overall crime in several categories increased this period. BFMV increased the most. Stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle. GPS, iPods, cell phones, etc. are all items that are typically left in vehicles which BFMV suspects thrive on. Place all items in your trunk and at the end of the day, take all items

Contact Debi Huang at [tdj2004@gmail.com](mailto:tdj2004@gmail.com) or (310) 963-2344 for more information

- The School Cents Program is back at the Westside Pavilion. Don't forget to bring your receipts to the Customer Service Desk on the 2nd Floor. Richland Avenue is currently in 10th place ... we can do better!
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags. Drop these off at the school office or bring it over to the NWA meeting.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, Albertson's, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program and share one of the best gifts of all, the love of reading!



Contact the school office at (310) 473-0467 for more info on any of these programs.

out of your vehicle. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe; it is the first place a BFMV suspect looks. Join your local Neighborhood Watch program. It is still our best tool against crime.

### Holiday trash safety tip:

Avoid leaving boxes from gifts and purchases (especially TVs, computers, ipods, etc. out at the curb or visible for trash pick-up. Doing so alerts criminals to what you may have in your home worth stealing.

## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

- President Bahaa Mikhail
- Vice President Bill Koontz
- Treasurer Lillia Singer
- Secretary Audrey O'Donnell
- 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 Bahaa Mikhail at 310-709-6431 or via email at [bahaa@netpayservices.com](mailto:bahaa@netpayservices.com).

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at [bunigrri@gmail.com](mailto:bunigrri@gmail.com).

Deadline for the January issue is

**Monday, January 31, 2011.**

*The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWA) 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. NWA 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.