

North Westdale News

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Watch Out!

NWNA To Resume Neighborhood Watch Program

Over the last several months, there has been an increase in crime in our neighborhood. Luckily these crimes have been of the non-violent sort — burglary, graffiti, drugs. However it is a trend that we need to take steps to stop and reverse.

To support this goal, we have invited Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Anthony Vasquez to meet with us at our last meeting of the year and help us restart our Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer Vasquez is the SLO for Palms and is temporarily filling in until a permanent SLO is selected for our area.

Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of the LAPD's crime prevention strategy. It enlists the active participation of residents, in

cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime. Neighborhood Watch members learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the police department. Los Angeles Police Officers supply crime information to neighborhood watch organizations and instruct these groups in various crime prevention techniques. Watch groups are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors.

Please come to this month's meeting and help us take a bite out of crime!



NORTH WESTDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Officer Elections Will Be Held at the June 11 Meeting

Please come to the next meeting to vote for next year's officers or if you would like to run for office!

Nominees so far are:

Tony Sanelli (President)

Bahaa Mikhail (Vice-President)

Jean Meltzer (Treasurer)

Amy Levy (Secretary)

SAVE THE DATE!

Next North Westdale Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday,
June 11

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

AGENDA

1. Neighborhood Watch
2. Officer Elections
3. Annual Garage Sale

WE WILL BE
TAKING THE
SUMMER OFF.
NO MEETINGS
IN JULY OR
AUGUST. WE
WILL RESUME
SEPT 10.

From The President's Desk:



Dear Neighbors:

The NWNA will be meeting this Monday, June 11th for an important meeting to vote for our new officer staff for next year. If you are interested in taking a leadership role in the community, please come out! You can volunteer for nomination as a Board Member, or just volunteer to be a Block Captain if you want to just get your feet wet.

This meeting will wrap up my first year as President of the NWNA. I am doing my best to represent our neighborhood's best interests, as directed by the sentiment of our general meetings and also our bylaws. We are here to make our area safer, cleaner, and more friendly, and to be a forum for you (yes, you reading this) to have your voice heard.

We've seen quite a few changes this year. We've lent joint support to the fine work Marty Rubin and the CRAAP team, and we've seen phenomenal progress in

advancing legislation to fight airport pollution. In addition, our good neighbor, Jim Donaldson, has been working on airport issues for many years and has been officially named to our NWNA Airport committee head, with our full support behind him.

We've experienced some flare-ups in minor graffiti and vandalism, as well as some crosswalk safety issues. As a result we speak directly to local law enforcement, and continually strengthen our relationship to them to get more patrols and greater response to our safety needs.

We've strengthened our leadership connection to the surrounding areas of Mar Vista and the MVCC. I am personally involved in meetings to discuss common strengths and challenges of our respective areas, and learning from one another's experiences in this area. North Westdale has big plans on the map for wonderful events like a Block Party/Picnic in the Park and supporting newly forming clubs and activity groups to strengthen our friendships, and of course our annual Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Mr. Andrew Parke has been doing an outstanding job as our Webmaster, getting our meeting

notes (thanks to Amy Levy) and important neighborhood issues out onto the web, via our website www.northwestdale.com. Jean Meltzer, our treasurer has been fiscally sound with our dues, financial reporting, and account management. Bahaa Mikhail has been a great support as Vice-President, and our Block Captains have been committed and focused on getting the good word out. Special thanks to Vicki Sanelli for her newsletter magic.

Perhaps most importantly, a core group of 20 residents regularly attend our meeting to represent and be heard. Their commitment to building this neighborhood is truly the source of what will surely be a great present and future for all of our residents. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting, and also taking the step into a leadership role in the community. If you ever have any issues, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Your friend and neighbor,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli
President, NWNA

From Richland Avenue Elementary Thanks for a Great Year!

Thank you North Westdale for being such a wonderful, supportive neighborhood. It's been a great year at Richland Avenue Elementary — with the new library, new playground, Cultural Festival and more. We look forward to continuing wonderful traditions like the Halloween Haunted House next year and providing the children of this neighborhood with an enriching learning environment in their own backyard.

Over the summer, parents from Richland Avenue Elementary will be working on the garden at Brookhaven and Coolidge. If you have some free time and would like to help, please contact Kami Turrou at turrschreib@earthlink.net.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER NORTH WESTDALE!



Lost Cat - \$1000 Reward

Neighbors, please keep an eye out for Cool Cat.

The cat is wearing a black collar with a name tag and bell.

If you spot Cool Cat, please call (310) 477-7484 or contact the owner at 2733 Ceilhunt Avenue.

North Westdale Neighborhood Classifieds

For Neighbors — By Neighbors

Violin Lessons

With Neil Donner, Ph.D.

(310) 477-6462



23 years in North Westdale. Children (from age 4) and adults welcome. Beginner to Intermediate.



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North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
Vice President	Bahaa Mikhail
Secretary	Amy Levy
Webmaster	Andrew Parke
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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@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.



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.



BLOCK CAPTAINS UPDATE

Thank you to our two newest block captains:

Lorin Rutenberg (2500 Barry Avenue)
Gwen Rhinehart (2700 Barry Avenue)

We still need block captains for the following areas:

- 12100 and 12000 Clarkson
- 2600, 2700 and 2800 Barrington
- 2600 and 2800 Armacost
- 2700 and 2800 Berkshire
- 2400 Bundy

To volunteer, please contact Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acpartners.com.



Police Report

Senior Lead Officer
Anthony M. Vasquez
310-622-3975

Officer Vasquez is Senior Lead Officer for Palms, but temporarily filling in until a new lead officer is selected for our area.

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 3/20/07 - 4/16/07:

Aggravated Assaults 3
Burglary (Vehicle) 12
Robbery 1
Burglary (Res/Biz) 9

Grand Theft Auto 5
Homicide 0
Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has continued to be a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. The incidents that occurred this rating period happened primarily late night to early morning hours. Unsecured vehicles with packages in plain sight were the main targets of the suspect's. Stop leaving items of value in plain sight inside your vehicle, it only temps burglary from motor vehicle suspects to

target your vehicle. Lock and secure your vehicle at all times when it is unattended. Attempt to park in well-lit areas with ample pedestrian traffic. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Vehicle Safety Tip

Do not leave a vehicle in unattended public parking lots for an extended amount of time. A vehicle is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or an attended parking lot.