

# North Westdale Neighborhood News

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## Next Meeting, Come Meet & Greet:



# BILL ROSENDAHL

L.A. City Councilmember

Join us on Monday, June 13 at 7pm as we meet with our City Councilman, Bill Rosendahl. Find out what our local government is doing to address important issues that impact you on a daily basis. Share your concerns and see what you can do to ensure our neighborhood remains a great place to live.

**Q&A session to follow — please bring questions!**

Bill Rosendahl has served on the L.A. City Council since 2005. He represents the 11th District which includes North Westdale. He serves as chair of the Transportation Committee, chair of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority, vice-chair of the Commerce Committee and is a member of the Budget & Finance Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness as well as an appointee to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority.



## SAVE THE DATE!

7th Annual North Westdale  
**MEGA Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, October 29**

Mark your calendar! This year's MEGA Garage Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, October 29. So this summer, clean out your closets, attic and garage and take part in this great neighborhood tradition. We'll have more details in next September's NWNA newsletter.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Jun 9:** Safer Communities Block by Block event. 7pm-9pm at Mark Twain Middle School.

**Jun 13:** Monthly NWNA Meeting. 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

**Jun 21:** NWNA Book Club meeting.

**Jun 22:** Women's Business Connection meeting. 6pm at Matteo's Italian Restaurant.

**Jul 3:** Independence BBQ. 11:30am at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

**Jul 18-25:** Vacation Bible School — Pandamania! 8:30am at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST!

If you have a neighborhood event or club meeting to add, please send details to Vicki Sanelli at [bunigrll@gmail.com](mailto:bunigrll@gmail.com).

# The Richland Avenue Elementary School Report

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION CONGRATULATIONS!

Richland Avenue Elementary School has been recognized for its commitment to academic excellence by the Los Angeles Unified School District and has been designated a School for Advanced Studies (SAS) for the 2011-12 school year.

Richland has also been named to the California Business for Education Excellence's 2010 Honor Roll for its students' academic achievements.

## NOW ENROLLING PRE-K AND TK THRU 6TH GRADE!

Richland Avenue Elementary is currently accepting enrollments for

Fall 2011 in all grades from Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten through 6th Grade.



## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

This summer, Richland will host a free Summer Lunch program for neighborhood children. The program runs Monday through Friday from 10:30am-11:30am. All children from the neighborhood are welcome. For more information, contact the Richland Office at (310) 473-0467.

## SUPPORT PROGRAMS

And don't forget these simple ways to support our local public school:

- Richland Avenue CSA

Program— Fresh organic produce delivered to the neighborhood every other Wednesday for just \$25 per box. Contact Debi Huang at [tdj2004@gmail.com](mailto:tdj2004@gmail.com) or (310) 963-2344 to sign up.

- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, E-scrip, Target Red Card and Office Depot.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program.

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

## Monthly Farmers Market Report

Dey Dey's Best Beef Ever is a recent addition to the Mar Vista Farmer's Market. Providing an alternative to grocery store meats, they sell grass-fed beef which is rich in Omega-3 fatty acids. Dey Dey's does not use any hormones or antibiotics in raising their herd. You can also purchase pasture raised organic chicken available whole, half or parts.

Summer stone fruits have already made their appearance at the market: apricots, pluots, apriums, nectarines and peaches. In coming weeks you'll see a large variety of both peaches and nectarines, each with a slightly different taste and flavor. Their variety names alone make you look forward to them. For peaches there are spring snow, best maid, David sun, gold lions, sugar maid, summer lady and sweet scarlet. Nectarine varieties will include June glow, arctic jays, arctic star, honey blaze and honey royals. Look for mangoes from Wong Farms in August and September.

Recently noticed at Baba Foods are baked nopal chips made from cactus leaf, corn, cactus powder, salt and a hint of lime. Enjoy the bounty of seasonal fruits and vegetables at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market while supporting our local farmers.



### Mar Vista Farmers Market

Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Grand View at Venice Blvd.  
[marvistafarmersmarket.org](http://marvistafarmersmarket.org)

## Calling All Book Lovers!

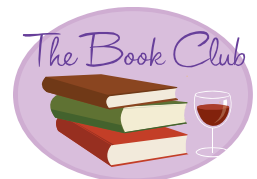
It doesn't matter if you're an old school paper and ink book reader or a modernist e-reader, if you enjoy the written word and discussing books, join the club! Upcoming Readings/Meetings for this summer are:

June 21: *Finding Nouf* by Zoe Ferraris

July 19: *Waiting for the Barbarians* by J.M. Coetzee

August 16: *Code of the Woosters* by P.G. Wodehouse

For more information, contact Lillia at [bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net).



# INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ



Sunday, July 3 at 11:30am  
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Courtyard  
Federal Avenue & National Boulevard



Celebrate freedom and liberty with a neighborhood BBQ!  
All welcome. Free will donation.

## 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. To learn more about CERT, visit [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com).



OTIS COLLEGE  
9045 Lincoln Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
Contact: Firefighter Jensen, (818) 756-9674

Mondays, 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Jun 27 and Jul 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 8

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

Tuesdays, 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Jun 28 and Jul 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug 2

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW  
385 Charles E. Young Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Contact: Firefighter Mason, (818) 756-9674

Thursdays, 9:00am to 11:30am  
Jun 30, Jul 7, 14, 21, 29 and Aug 4, 11

## Vacation Bible School

PANDAMANIA!  
at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
(Federal & National)

July 18-22  
8:30am-1:00pm

Ages 4 1/2 to 11

For more info call:  
(310) 477-0257



## Become a Block Captain!

Help to energize our neighborhood! It's easy and takes very little of your time. Interested? Then don't hesitate. For details contact Block Captain Leader Marty Rubin at:

(310) 479-2529 - Thank you!



## Ladies, Let's Make a Deal Women's Business Connection Group Forms

By: Lillia Singer

Looking for new, exciting and productive networking? Women's Business Connection is a new group that attracts 30-40 women every month. We meet on the Westside, on the last Wednesday, once a month from 6pm -8pm. A \$25 charge covers dinner and wine. No membership dues. Next meeting is at Matteo's Italian Restaurant on June 22nd. For more information, please email Lillia at [bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net).

## Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner

By: Bill Koontz

Neighborhood Watch Event 'Safer Communities Block by Block' Thursday June 9th 7pm to 9pm at Mark Twain Middle School, 2224 Walgrove Ave. Meet your local LAPD Captain and all of your Senior Lead Officers. Learn how to better protect your house and block with High-tech Low-tech and No-tech solutions.



**Financial Report  
Period: Sept 1 - August 31**

	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011 @ 5/1/2011</b>
Cash	7,380.36	5,740.09
Dues Received	<u>1,615.00</u>	<u>2,336.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>1,615.00</u>	<u>2,336.00</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Airport fund	164.63	
Church - Meeting Hall Rental	450.00	400.00
Mailbox Rental	44.00	
Newsletter	1,735.30	1,158.28
Richland School	600.00	
Misc	29.50	
Socials	165.94	40.00
Website	95.40	
Total Expenditures	<u>3,255.27</u>	<u>1,627.78</u>
Remaining cash	<u>5,740.09</u>	<u>6,448.31</u>

**Thank  
You!**

To all the neighbors who have paid dues this year.

If you haven't paid yet, it is not too late. You can mail your dues to:

North Westdale Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 642522  
Los Angeles, CA 90064



**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 [bunigr1@gmail.com](mailto:bunigr1@gmail.com).

Deadline for the May issue is Monday, August 29, 2011.

*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.*



**Police Report**

Senior Lead Officer  
Drake Madison  
33997@lapd.lacity.org  
310-622-3972

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Merlo  
310-482-6334

**Crime Trends**

The following are the crime statistics representing 4/1/11 - 4/30/11:

- Aggravated Assaults 1
- Burglary (Vehicle) 10
- Robbery 1
- Burglary (Res/Biz) 24
- Grand Theft Auto 11
- Homicide 0
- Sex 0
- Theft 13

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Get the latest on crime and LAPD activities directly from Officer Drake Madison at the monthly NWN meetings. Join the NWN Email List (directions to the right of this article) to get neighborhood updates like the one below from Officer Madison:

On Friday, May 27, Pacific Area had an increase of burglaries throughout the division. Three of those burglaries occurred on Clarkson Rd, Sawtelle Blvd & Barry Ave in the Westdale/North Westdale area.

Please report suspicious activity to police (911 if the burglary is in progress & 877-ASK-LAPD for suspicious activity).

The suspects that have been targeting the area are gang members. They are male blacks, 17-25 years old, sometimes posing as door-to-door solicitors. Burglaries in the Westdale and North Westdale areas had decreased, and I don't want the activity that occurred on The 27th to be the start of a burglary spike. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number provided below. Have a great day!

Drake Madison  
Senior Lead Officer  
LAPD Pacific Division  
310-622-3972

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[www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com)

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Westdale E-Mail  
List!**

Go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWNA>  
Click on the "Join This Group" button