

North Westdale News

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SPRING FLING 2007!

We're planning a fun event for the whole neighborhood in late April (save the date!). Fun and games for the whole family! Details coming soon! If you'd like to get involved with the planning committee, contact Tony Sanelli at tsanelli@acfpartners.com or (310) 694-0228.

Richland Avenue Elementary Update Upcoming Events and Ongoing Programs



International Festival And Silent Auction

Saturday, March 17
12:30pm-3:30pm

Free dance and music performances featuring the Rhythm Child Band, flamenco dancers and capoeira demonstration. Fun for the whole family!

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Round Up

Friday, April 13
9:00am

For parents interested in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten programs, come visit Richland

Avenue Elementary and learn all about the enriching environment that is available right at your doorstep.



School Garden Program



Richland Avenue Elementary is looking for volunteers to form a team to work with Urban Farming to revitalize the unused school garden area on the corner of Brookhaven and Coolidge. Urban Farming plants organic foods on unused land to give food to the hungry while beautifying the

community. If you are interested, contact Kami Turrou at (310) 575-0058 or turrschreib@earthlink.net.

Schools Rule!



The Schools Rule program is still going on. If you shop at the Westside Pavilion or Santa Monica Place Mall, bring your

receipts from any purchases made between 9/15/06 – 5/15/07 to the Guest Services desk and they will log your receipts and return them immediately. For every dollar spent, Richland Avenue Elementary will receive points toward the purchase of items for student-use.

Dog Poop Does Not Rule!

In recent months, Richland Avenue Elementary School has been experiencing a very unpleasant problem with dog poop. DOG WALKERS, please pick up after your companions. Do not allow your dog to roam out of your sight as he/she may be leaving unwanted deposits without your knowing it. Not only is it rude to leave a mess, but it makes area unsafe for children. To the vast majority of owners who do clean up after their dogs, THANK YOU!



SAVE THE DATE!

Next North
Westdale
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting

Monday,
March 12

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

AGENDA

1. CERT Training
2. Spring Fling
3. School Update
4. New Business

Other Upcoming
Meeting Dates:

April 9

May 14

See You There!

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Tony Sanelli
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Secretary	Amy Levy
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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.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigrrl@gmail.com.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWNNA) 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. NWNNA 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/NWNNA>

Click on the "Join This Group" button and follow the online instructions.

CERT Training Classes at Whole Foods

The L.A. Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program was developed to fill the need for a well-trained civilian emergency workforce. The CERT Program provides community self-sufficiency through the development of multi-functional response teams who act as an adjunct to the city's emergency services during major disasters.

When emergencies happen, CERT members will give critical support to first responders, and provide immediate assistance to victims. They work as team members and as individual leaders by directing untrained volunteers in the initial phase of an emergency.

The complete CERT Program is

comprised of three progressive courses. CERT members begin their education with 17 1/2 hours of Level 1 training, taught by firefighters and paramedics. The course is followed by continuing educational programs, including biannual refreshers.

All classes are FREE and open to the public. There will be two Level 1 courses offered right in our neighborhood in May/June and July/August. The courses will be offered at the Whole Foods Market on National and Barrington. Space is limited, so for more info or to pre-register for the class email CERTsponsor@gmail.com or call (310) 485-0324.

BLOCK CAPTAIN UPDATES!

A big thank you to our newest block captains:
Elliott Derzaph (2400-2500 Westgate)
Jason Bruckhalter (2400-2500 Armacost)
Boy Scouts (Granville, Stoner and Radio)

Block Captains are still needed for 12100 and 12000 Clarkson; 2600, 2700 and 2800 Barrington, 2600 and 2800 Armacost, 2700 and 2800 Berkshire and 2400 Bundy. Call Tony at 310-694-0228 to volunteer.



Police Report

Senior Lead Officer
Pete Llanes
310-622-3972

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 1/25/07 - 2/21/07:

Aggravated Assaults 4
Burglary (Vehicle) 9
Robbery 2
Burglary (Res/Biz) 7
Grand Theft Auto 4
Homicide 0
Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has continued to be a problem in our area. We continue to leave open rear door and windows were suspects are gaining access to our homes. The suspects are continuing to remove hand held carry items for quick get away. Install additional locks to the rear doors and windows. Be a good neighborhood, if you observe your fellow neighbor being victimized call the police right away with good

description of the suspects. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group or start one it is still the best we have against crime.

Neighborhood Safety Tip

Use sturdy doors. Solid wooden doors or reinforced doors with steel offer much more protection than hollow-core wooden doors. Also add deadbolt locks to your exterior doors because they cannot be popped the way spring-latch locks can.