

North Westdale News

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Support Your Neighborhood! Dues Collection Next Month

Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household



Next month block captains will distribute your newsletter with an envelope for dues, so please keep an eye out for this very important issue. When you get the envelope put your dues in it (suggested \$10, but more is appreciated) and return it to your block captain. You can also mail your dues to P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Dues are completely voluntary and are used to cover the cost of printing this newsletter, host our website, sponsor events like last month's Mega Garage Sale, and support issues and organizations that improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Are You CERT-ified?

Calling all neighbors who have taken the LAFD's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training! We would like to compile a master list of all CERT-trained neighbors, so if you have done CERT, please let us know. We also want to hear from any neighbors who have medical training or other emergency-type training. This will be an important first step in getting our neighborhood better prepared in the event of a major disaster.

Please send your name and contact information to:

Victoria Sanelli
bunigr1@gmail.com
(310) 694-0228

This information will not be shared with anyone or used for any other

purpose than to organize neighbors in the course of disaster preparation.

In a large-scale disaster, we will not be able to depend on emergency services (police, fire and medical) being immediately available. For a few hours or even several days, we may need to depend on each other for assistance. Knowing who in our neighborhood has specialized training will help us to create a neighborhood emergency action plan.

If you have not done CERT training yet, you can learn more about ongoing trainings and the CERT program by visiting www.cert-la.com online. Or come to a NWNA meeting and ask someone who has completed the training to share their experience. CERT training is a great way to make yourself and your neighborhood a little safer!



SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:
Monday,
November 10

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

Mark Your
Calendars!
Upcoming
Meetings

December 8
January 12

Agenda

1. Mega Garage Sale
2. Richland Avenue Elementary Request for Sponsorship
3. Dues Collection
4. Subcommittees
5. New Business

From The President's Desk:



Dear Neighbors:

I am excited by the fresh start we are taking in forming committees to apply some focus to the key areas of our neighborhood.

At our next meeting we will delve into some of the goals and vision of these committees. Specifically we are developing a Safety Committee, Airport Committee, Beautification Committee, Richland Elementary Committee, and an Outreach Committee. I recommend to all of you to come to our meeting and lend your thoughts and effort to being a

part of these committees as they develop. Come one and all! As we are more focused on the key issues we will develop and strengthen key relationships to the various levels of government and policy makers. We will strengthen our voice and influence while we develop great partnerships with government and community organizations. Do you have a suggestion for the development of these partnerships? Please come to our meeting on the 10th and be heard!

Next up on our agenda will be dues collections. Dues are an important part of running an effective NWNA. Dues are required to keep up printing costs for the newsletter, materials for community event such as the Mega Block Sale, Donations to worthy community causes, and other forward looking projects. Please be generous this holiday

season and include NWNA in your giving! There will be collection envelopes in the next delivery of the December newsletter, and your block captain will coordinate the dues collection of your street. If you want to support our continued efforts to improve the neighborhood, please do give what you can.

Please call or email me if you have any suggestions for me to help improve our neighborhood.

Your friend and neighbor,

Tony

Tony X. Sanelli
President, NWNA

THANKS FREDERICK REIMER!



2700-2800 Colby has a new block captain
— Fredrick Reimer!

MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

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| 2600, 2800 Armacost | 2700-2800 Berkshire |
| 2700-2800 Barrington | 12100 Clarkson |
| 2400 Bundy | 2400-2800 Stoner |
| 2400-2800 Granville | |

Time commitment is just 15-30 minutes a month to make a difference to our neighborhood! Call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acfpartners.com.



North
Westdale
Social
Diners' Club

Next Dinner:

Monday, December 3
7:00pm

Sawtelle Kitchen or
Chan Dara?

The School Report

Upcoming Events and News From Richland Avenue Elementary

A special THANK YOU to all the neighbors who came out for last month's Scare Fair and Haunted House! This year's Haunted House (sponsored by the North Westdale Neighborhood Association) was a big success and really demonstrates how the whole neighborhood can come together to make a difference for our neighborhood school and the kids who attend.



SAVE THE DATE! HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE, DECEMBER 6

The Holiday Gift Boutique has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6 from 12pm to 3pm. Get a jump on your holiday

shopping and save gas (not to mention parking frustration) by not having to drive to the mall. Vendors will be selling handmade crafts, Tupperware and more!

There is still space available if you would like to be a vendor at the fair, contact Kami Turrou at turrschreib@earthlink.net for more information.

SIMPLE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL: School Cents at the Westside Pavilion

Take receipts for ANYTHING purchased at the Westside Pavilion to the Customer Service Desk (2nd Floor) so Richland Avenue Elementary can earn

points for school supplies.

Soup Label and Box Top Collection

Save those Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. Drop both off at the school office (just slide it under the door if the office is closed) or bring by the NWNA meeting and we will collect and drop them off for you.

Grocery Club Cards and WAMU

Go to the Ralphs, Vons or Albertsons website and follow their procedures to register your club card they'll donate to Richland Avenue Elementary every time you use your card. Do the same if you have a WAMU debit card.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: BECOME A READING PARTNER

Share the joy of reading with an elementary school child. Richland's Wonder of Reading program is looking for volunteers to read with students. Volunteers read with their student for one hour a week during school hours. Contact school librarian Susie Moreno at (310) 473-0467 for more information.



Monthly Farmers Market Report

In anticipation of your Thanksgiving Day menu, the Mar Vista Farmers Market has a great supply of produce for your table. There are Yukon gold, banana fingerling and red potatoes as well as sweet potatoes and yams. Broccoli and cauliflower would make great side dishes along with red beets and golden beets. If your recipes include nuts, there are walnuts, pecans, almonds and pistachios at the farmers market. Granny Smith apples are ready for pies and other desserts. Satsuma mandarins are now available along with several persimmon varieties. This is only a brief list of what you will find at the farmers market.

If your knives have lost their cutting edge, take them to the knife sharpening stall before you begin your Thanksgiving preparations.

Mar Vista Farmers Market

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



North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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| 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.

North Westdale Neighborhood Classifieds

For Neighbors — By Neighbors



Real Estate Financing Tony Sanelli

Skip the high pressure sales tactics and the cheesy marketing. Instead, call Tony Sanelli for knowledgeable answers to your mortgage questions and professional assistance with your real estate purchase and finances.

(310) 702-4208

Your Classified HERE!

Email Tony Sanelli at
tsanelli@acpartners.com



Police Report

Senior Lead Officer
Thomas Wicks
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
310-482-6334

Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 9/19/08 - 10/19/08:

Aggravated Assaults 0
Burglary (Vehicle) 12
Robbery 1
Burglary (Res/Biz) 5
Grand Theft Auto 8
Homicide 0
Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. I am

happy to report this period we reduced crime in all categories except burglary/theft from motor vehicle. We continue to leave our vehicles unsecured and with property in plain sight. Lock and secure your vehicle anytime it is unattended. Attempt to park your vehicle in well-lit areas; lighting can be a strong deterrent against burglary/theft from motor vehicle suspects. Do not use your glove-box as a traveling safe, it is the first place BFMV suspects look. Place items of value in your trunk of your vehicle out of sight. Arm and deploy any anti-theft devices you may have for

your vehicle, no device in the world can help protect your vehicle if you do not use it. If you observe any suspicious activity be a good neighborhood and call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

Reminder:

A25 NEIGHBORHOOD
ADVISORY MEETING
Tues, November 11, 2008
@ 7:00 p.m.
Pacific CRO Trailer
12312 Culver Blvd., Los
Angeles

North Westdale Neighborhood Association would like to thank the business on this page for their financial support of our monthly newsletter and contribution to our community development. We hope for satisfied community business relationships, however, the NWN cannot make any guarantees or endorsements regarding the services of the organizations herewith.