

# North Westdale News

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**Next Meeting, Come Meet & Greet:**



## Officer Tom Wicks

Senior Lead Officer  
Basic Car 14A25

### What is a senior lead officer?

A senior lead officer (SLO) is an officer in charge of a basic car area within a geographic division. SLOs provide a link that help unite the LAPD with the communities it serves. They are responsible for monitoring crime trends in basic car areas, working with Community-Police Advisory Boards and acting as liaisons with detectives to stay informed of crime trends and special problems within their area. The SLO is often the main liaison for problem solving between the Department and the resident. Continuous interaction between the police and local residents is essential to enhancing the quality of life and deter crime within the neighborhood.

**Support Your Neighborhood,  
Please Pay Dues This Month!**



**Suggested Donation: \$10 per Household**

Dues are used to cover operating costs - use of a meeting hall, website hosting, newsletter printing, as well as supporting initiatives and organization's concerned to improve the neighborhood, sponsoring "Meet and Greet" event, and neighborhood garage sale.

Suggested donation starts at \$10 per household. Please show your support!

You can give your donation to your block captain or mail it to NWN, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Next Meeting:

**Monday,  
Nov 9**

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

Upcoming  
Meetings  
(Second Monday  
of the Month):

Dec 14

Jan 11

Feb 8

Find out what's  
going on in the  
neighborhood.  
Hear what's  
happening with  
schools, airport  
issues, the Mar  
Vista Community  
Council,  
neighborhood  
events, crime  
and more.



## From The President's Desk:

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe Halloween has already come and gone! I had the pleasure of attending a Halloween party on Clarkson at Amherst and learned something interesting about our neighborhood! The neighbors in that area have an annual Halloween parade! It

was so nice to see all the neighbors round up and walk through the neighborhood all dressed in their costumes with the children leading the way! It was another reminder how lucky we are to live in such a friendly community!

Our last meeting focused on our committee work. We proposed several changes to our bylaws and reorganized our budget procedures. For more information on these changes, please visit our website at [www.northwestdale.com](http://www.northwestdale.com). We also voted to help assist Richland Ave Elementary with their Halloween festival, and contributed \$600 to that event.

This month, Officer Wicks will be our guest speaker. I encourage you to attend our next meeting and learn directly from him his views about the crime in our neighborhood. Your input is extremely valuable!

As always, we want to see you at our meetings, and we welcome your participation! If you would like to play a role in our neighborhood, please feel free to call me at 310-709-6431, email me at

[bahaa@netpayservices.com](mailto:bahaa@netpayservices.com) and/or come to our next meeting! I hope to see you there!

Your friend and neighbor,

*Bahaa*

Bahaa Mikhail  
President, NWNA

### MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Reports
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Treasurer
3. Guest Speaker: Officer Wicks, LAPD
4. Committee Reports
  - Bylaws – We will vote on the proposed bylaws changes presented last month.
  - Budget
  - Crime – Recycling Center Update
  - Richland
  - Outreach
  - Beautification
  - Airport
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

**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!**

## The School Report: News & Events at Richland Avenue Elementary Your Barnes & Noble Purchases Can Help Our School!

Congratulations to Richland Avenue Elementary School on their very successful Halloween Scare Fair and Haunted House. Word is spreading about our little neighborhood school and the Haunted House was even featured on the Channel 4 News! Rumor has it that our NWN President Bahaa was impressed by all the creative and fun costumes he saw when he judged the Richland Halloween Costume Parade this year.

Remember, there's lots of ways you can contribute to improving our neighborhood school, including ...



### BARNES & NOBLE FUNDRAISER

Next month, there will be a Barnes and Nobel Fundraiser at the Westside Pavilion December 4-11. Any purchase, excluding gift cards earns up to 20% for Richland Avenue, plus points toward the School Cents program!

### MORE SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Don't forget there are many everyday ways you can support our local school:

- Turn in receipts for Westside Pavilion purchases at the Customer Service Desk (2nd Floor) for the School Cents Program.
- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops for

Education and Capri Sun Juice Bags.

- Sign up your grocery store club cards (follow procedures on their websites), including Ralphs, Food4Less, Albertson's, E-scrip and Target Red Card.
- Office Depot's 5% Back to School program will give Richland credit for free school supplies with qualifying purchase. Designate Richland School ID #70010450 at check out.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program. Just one hour a week can make a huge difference for a child! Contact school librarian Susie Moreno at (310) 473-0467 for info.

## How To Recycle Your E-Waste And Keep Toxic Elements Out of Our Landfill!

E-Waste (Electronic Waste) is a popular, informal name for unwanted electronic products. Items such as computers, TV's, VCR's, stereos, copiers, fax machines and telephones are common electronic products that become unwanted as they are replaced by newer, more advanced products. Some of these unwanted products can be reused or refurbished. Non-profit, charitable organizations such as L.A. Shares, Goodwill Industries, the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul may accept electronic products that are in good working condition or that may only need minor repairs in order to be reused. Contact these organizations directly for more information.

The Bureau of Sanitation has established a number of

permanent collection sites throughout the City, known as S.A.F.E. CENTERS which are open every weekend and provide a convenient way to dispose of your residential, household e-waste. Residents are limited to a total of six pieces per visit to a SAFE Center. Of the six pieces, no more than two pieces can be CRT-related. Small items (mouses, cables, modems, cell phones, etc.) can be packed in a carton box and that carton will be considered one item.

Nearby locations to North Westdale are:

**HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT**  
7660 West Imperial Highway, Gate B  
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293  
Hours of Operation:

Saturdays and Sundays  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Will be Closed On the Following Days:  
Nov. 28 & 29, 2009  
Dec. 26 & 27, 2009

**UCLA**  
550 Charles E. Young Dr. West  
Los Angeles, CA 90095  
Hours of Operation:  
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
\* We will accept electronic waste on Saturday only.  
\*\* Note: All Waste Collection Services are suspended during rainy weather  
Will be Closed On the Following Days:  
Nov. 26, 27 & 28, 2009  
Dec. 24, 25 & 26, 2009

## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President	Bahaa Mikhail
Vice President	Bill Koontz
Secretary	Amy Levy
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 next issue is Monday, November 30 for the December issue.

*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](http://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.



## Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
Thomas Wicks  
310-622-3973

Basic Car Coordinator Sergeant  
Pompano  
310-482-6334

Updated crime statistics were not available at the time this newsletter went to print.

## Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

With shorter days and longer nights make sure and try to keep a small key chain flashlight handy for those dark parking lots. Now is also a good time to check that outdoor lighting around your home is in good working order and to install lighting in dark areas.

## Monthly Farmers Market Report

It's not too early to think about your Thanksgiving menu and the produce available at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. You'll find yams, sweet potatoes, Yukon gold potatoes, winter squash, green beans and beets. There may still be fresh corn through this month. Also looking great are chard, kale, cabbage, leeks, broccoli and cauliflower. Tradewind Mushrooms carries oyster mushrooms, Portobellos, beech, crimini, shiitakes and chanterelles.

If your recipe calls for dried fruits, Avila Farms has dried apricots, plums, peaches, nectarines and raisins. They also have walnut meal, pecan meal as well as whole nuts. Visit Lelio and Sons for a varied selection of cheeses to serve at your Thanksgiving meal.

And don't forget Gary's Knife Sharpening Services before you start your prepping. They also sharpen serrated knives, pizza cutters, gardening shears, pruners and scissors.



### Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

**Thanks!** To all the neighbors who participated in this year's Mega-Garage Sale. We hope you had fun, cleared out a lot of old stuff and made some good pocket money. We'll do it again next October, so mark your calendars and tell your friends!



The North Westdale Neighborhood Association is in Zone 2 of the Mar Vista Community Council. For more information, please visit us online at <http://www.MarVista.org>

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