

# North Westdale News

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## Watch Out!

### NWNA To Resume Neighborhood Watch Program

The need for community watch is more important now than ever. We have witnessed a rash of property crime and burglaries recently, including a home burglary on the 2700 block of Westgate last month.

Question for you: if there was a stranger looking over your backyard fence or into your windows and you weren't home- do your neighbors know how to reach you? Are they educated on how to inform the police? Are we doing everything we can as a community to watch out for one another?

I suspect the answers to these important questions are not what they should be. We should be doing everything we can to minimize our exposure to crime including monitoring trends and forming groups to raise awareness.

NWNA will begin work teaming with LAPD and our neighbors to strengthen our response system and our awareness. We will be developing this program beginning with our first meeting this Monday, so please come out and voice your opinion and assistance!

More info to come! In the interim, please take these steps immediately: one, when you leave your vehicle, lock it and do a visual check. Are there any cell phones, cd's, ipods, electronics, laptops, coins, sunglasses or other such valuables visible? If so, please stow them in the glove compartment or cover them immediately. When meeting with the LAPD last month, this is the number one source of crimes we've witnessed this year.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Next North  
Westdale  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Meeting

Monday,  
September 10

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

We're back from  
summer vacation!

Meetings are  
held the 2nd  
Monday of the  
month.  
Upcoming Dates:

October 8  
November 12  
December 10

## 3rd Annual North Westdale MEGA Garage Sale



Once again, it's time for the annual neighborhood garage sale! The North Westdale Neighborhood Association will take care of advertising the sale and posting signs on the day of the sale. We'll also be putting together a map of all participating houses (who let us know by the deadline of Oct 5).

All you need to do is get your goodies ready to sell and set up shop on:

**Saturday, October 13**

To participate, call Tony at (310) 694-0228, or send an email to [tsanelli@acfparkers.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfparkers.com) with your address.

# From The President's Desk:



Dear Neighbors:

What a wonderful summer we're having! Isn't it great living in North Westdale?

As the summer begins to wind down, its time to reconvene with the NWNA, and boy am I looking forward to a great new year! I hope you are too, and continue to represent and participate with gusto this year!

This year my number one goal is to upgrade the security and neighborhood watch program. Are you with me on this? If so, please be

open to providing your home and cell phone numbers so that your immediate neighbors can contact you if anything threatening is observed. Keep your eyes peeled, and be ready for further developments of this important program, courtesy of the NWNA in conjunction with the LAPD.

Secondly we're going to further represent our neighborhood in important issues including the ROSE program, which addresses our area's open space and park needs. This is a new program headed by the Mar Vista Community Council, and our area is represented by Bahaa Mikhail. The Mar Vista park is of key focus at this point, and your input is welcomed for development input. And as always, airport issues, traffic, pollution, and building development will continue to be

vital to us.

Once again, its important to have your participation to flesh out the needs of our area. See you at the next meeting, this Monday!

Your friend and neighbor,

*Tony*

Tony X. Sanelli  
President, NWNA

## 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.



### Mortgage Loans

Need to give your mortgage a brush up? Remodeling? Line of credit? Sick of those wacky radio ads? Call Tony Sanelli for friendly counsel at

(310) 702-4208

Lillia Singer

### Bella Garden Design

bellagardendesign.com  
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Fences  
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Tree trimming



**Your Classified HERE!** Email Tony Sanelli at [tsanelli@acfpartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com)

## Back to School With Richland Avenue Elementary Get Ready for a Great Year!

### THANK YOU NORTH WESTDALE

First of all, Richland Avenue Elementary would like to thank all the members of the community, including the North Westdale Neighborhood Association, who helped support fundraising for the new computer lab. It is installed and ready for the students to use this year ... look out information superhighway!

### JUST A FEW SPACES LEFT

Your neighborhood school still has some spots available for children in the following grades:

Kindergarten	5th Grade
4th Grade	6th Grade

Richland's 6th grade would be great for a child who may not be ready for the middle school experience.



### SCHOOL CENTS

Here's a great reason to shop! The Westside Pavilion is once again offering the School Cents program (used to be Schools Rule). Between September 15, 2007, and May 15, 2008, take your receipts for purchases made at the mall to the Customer Service desk (2nd Floor) and ask them to credit Richland Avenue Elementary. For every dollar spent, Richland earns points toward school supplies. Last year enough was earned to buy a new digital camera and digital video

camera. Thank you to all who supported last year!

### SOUP LABEL AND BOXTOP COLLECTION

Richland is also collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. You can drop either off in the school office.

### GARDEN UPDATE

The garden will be up and running this year. Classes will have assigned spaces and boxes to grow vegetables and flowers. If you would like to volunteer to help in the garden, please contact Kami Turrou at (310) 575-0058 or turrschreib@earthlink.net

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL-OCT 27

Save the date for the annual Haunted House and Halloween Carnival. The Carnival has been scheduled for Saturday, October 27. This event is fun for the whole family!

### READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to make a difference to a young boy or girl? Volunteers are needed to read with students in the lovely new library. Please call the office of Richland Avenue Elementary at (310) 473-0467 for more information.



## St. Andrew's Neighborhood BBQ

Saturday, September 29  
4:00 p.m.  
At Federal & Clarkson

Come enjoy tasty food and good fellowship.  
All neighbors welcome!

## CERT Training

Help our neighborhood become better prepared for emergencies by taking this valuable course sponsored by the L.A. Fire Department. The next training session will be held at

UCLA, Northwest Campus Auditorium  
200 De Neve Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90095

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-8:30pm  
(10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13 and  
11/20)

To sign up, please call Michael Stajura  
(310-923-2121).

**North Westdale Neighborhood Association**

President	Tony Sanelli
Vice President	Bahaa Mikhail
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 Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or [tsanelli@acpartners.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.



# BLOCK CAPTAINS UPDATE

Thank you to our newest block captain:

Trish Koczko 12000 Clarkson

We still need block captains for the following areas:

12100 Clarkson

2600, 2700 and 2800 Barrington

2600 and 2800 Armacost

2700 and 2800 Berkshire

2400 Bundy

2700 and 2800 Colby

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



## Police Report

Senior Lead Officer  
Thomas Wicks  
310-622-3976

Officer Wicks has been assigned as the Senior Lead Officer for Mar Vista (Basic Car 14A25). Welcome Officer Wicks!

Basic Car Coordinator  
Sergeant Pompano  
310-482-6334

### Crime Trends

The following are the crime statistics representing 7/15/07 - 8/11/07:

Aggravated Assaults 2  
Burglary (Vehicle) 17  
Robbery 3  
Burglary (Res/Biz) 19

Grand Theft Auto 4  
Homicide 0  
Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) has become a problem in Basic Car 14A25 area. Any vehicle can be a target from luxury cars to economical cars. Dusk to mid evening is peak hours to have your vehicle broken into. Do not tempt BFMV suspects carry as few valuables in your vehicle as possible. Lock packages in the trunk of your vehicle or place them under your seat out of sight. Do not use your

glove compartment as a traveling safe it is the first place a BFMV suspects looks. Ample lighting also help deter burglary suspects. If you observe a crime in progress call the police right away. Join your local Neighborhood Watch Group it is still the best tool we have against crime.

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A25 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY MEETING  
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific CRO Trailer  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles