

North Westdale News

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Next Meeting: LAPD Officer Drake Madison

Monday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.

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

Find out what you can do to assist the LAPD stop crime from increasing in our neighborhood!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Nov 7-16: Richland Avenue Elementary Food Drive.

Nov 14: NWN A Bi-Monthly Meeting

Dec 2: Bob Baker Marionette Show at Richland Avenue Elementary.

Dec 13: NWN A Book Club Meeting: *The Long Goodbye* by Raymond Chandler.

Message From the President:



Dear Neighbors,

A big thanks again for everyone that participated in the Mega Garage Sale and a very big thank you goes out to Tony and Vicki Sanelli

for spearheading this and making it all happen smoothly. I was able to visit many of the houses on the map and was barely able to resist the temptation to refill my garage with everyone else's treasures.

I also got the chance to visit Richland's Scare Fair and had a good time playing games and giving to a good cause. I was sad that there was no haunted house this year but look forward to seeing it again next year.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Drake Madison will be at our meeting to talk about the recent spate of burglaries we have been having. I do just want to remind everyone to keep your eyes peeled and your windows

and doors locked. Please call in any suspicious activity you see during the day. If it looks like a crime in progress, i.e. trespassing or burglary, call 911 immediately. Anything else, i.e. shady people sitting in their cars watching the streets or people peering into windows, call 1-866-ask-lapd (275-5173) And always follow up with a call to our SLO at 310-469-3557.

Finally another big thank you to everyone that has paid their dues so far this year. I look forward to being able to not only put on informative meetings but to also give a little back to some great local causes.

Hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween and I'm looking forward to a great Thanksgiving in a few weeks.

Your friend and neighbor,

Bill

Bill Koontz
President, NWN A



Police Report

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Basic Car Coordinator
Sergeant Pompano
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Crime Trends

The following are the crime

statistics representing 9/1/11 - 9/30/11: Theft 7

Aggravated Assaults 0
Burglary (Vehicle) 16
Robbery 2
Burglary (Res/Biz) 26
Grand Theft Auto 9
Homicide 0
Sex 0

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/ Business) has become a problem in our area (A25). Residential Burglary had doubled from last period becoming our number one priority.

NWNA Book Club

Next Selection:
The Long Goodbye by Raymond Chandler

Join us on Tuesday, December 13, for a discussion of the classic noir book! For more info, please contact Lillia Singer at bellagardendesign@att.net.



We're on the web!
www.northwestdale.com

The Richland Avenue Elementary School

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Richland Avenue Elementary will be holding a food drive to benefit the Westside Food Bank and Richland Families from November 7-16. Donations may be dropped off at the school office. Canned goods and gift cards are welcome, but please no glass containers.



meggie_yildrim@yahoo.com.

• The School Cents Program is back at the Westside Pavilion. Don't forget to bring your receipts to the Customer Service Desk on the 2nd Floor.

- Save Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops and Capri Sun Juice Bags. Drop these off at the school office or bring it over to the NWA meeting.
- Sign up your store club cards including Ralph's, Food4Less, E-scrip and Target Red Card and Office Depot.
- Volunteer for the Wonder of Reading program and share one of the best gifts of all, the love of reading!

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

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

You don't have to have school-aged children to help our neighborhood school! There are lots of simple ways our entire neighborhood can support our local public school, including:

- Purchase your gift cards through Shop With Scrip at www.shopwithscrip.com, Richland Group ID #LL43451C26655. Questions, contact Letty at Iviescaramos@gmail.com or Meggie at

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Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigr1@gmail.com. Deadline for the December issue is Monday, November 28, 2011.

Monthly Farmers Market Report

Josh and Eri are North Westdale residents who enjoy Sunday visits to the Mar Vista farmers market. With their three children ages 4 years to 18 months, you'll find them loaded down with produce and products from their favorite vendors. Their older son likes the bread from Les Delices du four French Bakery where Shirley has taught him to say "Hello" in Creole. Their second son looks forward to honey sticks from Harry's Honey.


Josh's list includes organic avocados from Ace Ranch, a bag of oranges from Valley Center Growers and Fuji apples from Ha's Farm. Eri enjoys the produce from Maggie's Farm, especially their Stellar salad mix with flower petals. She also mentions the omelets from Café Laurent as a favorite. They all look forward to the music at the MVFM.

When asked what they like about the MVFM, Eri mentions the sense of community at the MVFM. "You're smiling and saying hi to everyone whether you know them or not and you do end up knowing a lot of people".




Mar Vista Farmers Market

Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Grand View at Venice Blvd.
marvistafarmersmarket.org



BOB BAKER MARIONETTES



Coming to RICHLAND AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

What? Dinner and a show. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and the Bob Baker Marionette performance.

Where? Richland Avenue Elementary School Auditorium.

When? December 2, 2011
6:00 - 7:30pm.
Spaghetti dinner starts at 6pm and the show starts at 6:45. The show is 30 minutes long.

Yes! I would like to attend.
\$8 for Adults, \$6 for Kids (12 and younger)

Name: _____


Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Adults Attending _____ **Kids Attending** _____

Please return order form with payment to:
Richland Avenue School Office
11562 Richland Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Questions? Contact Kami Turnou (310) 621-8442 / turrnschreib@earthlink.net



Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWA) serves the community bounded by the 405 Freeway to the east, National Blvd to the south, Centinela Ave/Bundy Drive 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 which is tax-deductible. NWA strives to improve our neighborhood with activities ranging from crime watch to neighborhood beautification to local school support.