

# North Westdale News

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## 4th Annual North Westdale **MEGA Garage Sale** Saturday, October 25 8am-1pm

Once again, it's time for the annual neighborhood garage sale! NWN 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 17). All you need to do is roll out your wares onto the driveway! To participate, call Tony at (310) 694-0228, or send an email to [tsanelli@acfpartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com) with your address.

CONCERNED RESIDENTS AGAINST AIRPORT POLLUTION PRESENTS:

### **Santa Monica City Council Candidates Forum regarding Santa Monica Airport Issues**

Monday, October 6 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Moderated by  
former Santa Monica Mayor  
Michael Feinstein

Ken Edwards Center  
1527 Fourth Street  
Santa Monica

Hear for yourself from the candidates running for the four open seats on the seven-member S.M. City Council - four incumbents and nine challengers in all. How the candidates respond to the important and timely questions from CRAAP and the public will be a high priority for voters in the upcoming November 4, 2008 General Election. Although Los Angeles residents are not able to vote, it is important to show the candidates that Santa Monica Airport issues are very important to us in the surrounding communities. It is also important that both Santa Monica and Los Angeles residents hear how committed each candidate is with regard to addressing the communities' concerns. I urge you to place this on your to-do calendar. It should prove to be well worthwhile.

FREE-TO-THE-PUBLIC

FREE ONSITE PARKING

For more information:

Visit: [www.jetairpollution.com](http://www.jetairpollution.com) or call: (310) 479-2529.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:  
Monday,  
October 13

7:00pm

St. Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
on Federal &  
Clarkson

Mark Your  
Calendars!  
Upcoming  
Meetings

November 10  
December 8

### 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:

First off I'd like to thank you, my neighbors, for empowering me to work with you to help build a fantastic neighborhood. Since becoming President of NWNA, I have been given an opportunity to become educated about the needs of our neighbors. Together we have made progress towards addressing those needs, and built inroads toward continued successful community building.

We in the NWNA have a fantastic group of dedicated neighbors, and an amazing board of governors. I would like to thank

Bahaa Mikhail, Lillia Singer, Jean Meltzer, Andrew Parke, Amy Levy, Laura Bodensteiner, Bill Koontz, my wife Vicki, and all of our Block Captains for their dedication and effort towards community improvement.

We have many exciting activities and developments in the near future I'd like to share. The Mega Block Garage Sale is approaching fast this month and I encourage you all to get all that old junk, furniture, clothes, unused household items, etc out onto your driveway on the big day. Out with the old clutter, in with clean organization! If you would like to join in the Mega Sale, please email me at [tsanelli@acfpartners.com](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com).

We are forming new committees to address the major needs of our area. For example, there will be an Airport Committee, Beautification Committee, Safety

Committee, and an Outreach Committee. Have you ever wanted to get more involved and flex your civic minded muscle? Please join us at our next meeting and join a committee. I promise you will have fun, be a vital help to our neighborhood, and feel a great sense of accomplishment. And you'll make some new friends!

This is going to be the best year ever for NWNA, and I look forward to working with you all as we continue to improve the best neighborhood in Los Angeles!

Your friend and neighbor,

*Tony*

Tony X. Sanelli  
President, NWNA

## THANKS LAURA BODENSTEINER!



2700-2800 Butler (west side) has a new block captain — Laura Bodensteiner!

## MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

2600, 2800 Armacost	2700-2800 Burkshire
2700-2800 Barrington	12100 Clarkson
2400 Bundy	2400-2800 Stoner
2400-2800 Granville	2700-2800 Colby

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](mailto:tsanelli@acfpartners.com).



North  
Westdale  
Social  
Diners' Club

Next Meeting:  
Lin's Chinese Cuisine  
11668 W. Pico Blvd.

Monday, October 6  
7:00pm

Email  
[bellagardendesign@att.net](mailto:bellagardendesign@att.net)  
to RSVP

## St. Andrew's Happenings

### What's Going on At Federal Avenue & National Boulevard?

#### WESTSIDE FOOD BANK HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

St. Andrew's invites you to join their team of walkers and help raise funds for the Westside Food Bank! The group will leave St. Andrew's at noon on October 12. If you are interested in walking, contact Pastor Josh at the church, (310) 477-0257.

#### SUPER YARD SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

St. Andrew's will take part in the North Westdale Neighborhood Garage Sale. Tell your friends to stop

by and peruse the bargains! Food and baked goods will be available for purchase and there will also be a book sale.

#### HALLOWEEN SERVICE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

St. Andrew's will have a short Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. followed by candy and hot cider in the parking lot. Everyone is invited to stop by for a treat!



### Upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Trainings

FREE course taught by the L.A. Fire Department. Learn to protect yourself, family and neighbors in an emergency situation. Get trained to put out small fires, assess injuries, provide basic aid, conduct search and rescue, support police/fire department efforts and more.

Westside Childrens Center  
12120 Wagner Street  
Culver City  
Tuesdays, 1:00pm-3:30pm  
Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18 and 25  
Contact: Carlos Cumatz  
(310) 390-0551 x440

Cheviot Hills Park  
2551 Motor Avenue  
Los Angeles  
Thursdays, 7:00pm-10:00pm  
Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13 and 20  
Contact: Angela  
(310) 838-9062

For more trainings, visit [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com).

## Farmers Market Report

By: Wayne Matsuyama



Produce to look for at the Mar Vista Farmers Market in October: cauliflower, carrots, broccolini, picking cucumbers, green mustard and cabbage. Continuing for a few more weeks are pomegranates and passion fruit. Apples look great with red delicious, green delicious, gala and mutsu varieties. More apple varieties expected in October are Fujis and Cameos.

### Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

## The School Report

### Upcoming Events and News From Richland Avenue Elementary

#### A WORD FROM PRINCIPAL SALAZAR



The 2008-2009 school year has gotten off to a fantastic start! The entire Richland Avenue school community is anxious to build on the success from last spring's California Standardized Test (CST) scores that showed a 40 point growth on the Academic Performance Index (API)!! To support this great accomplishment, the school plans are to involve students, staff, parents and community to embrace one collective mission: to establish a climate of high quality teaching and learning so all students experience a rigorous curriculum. Working together around a common mission is sure to bring forth continued high academic performance!

In the upcoming November election, Measure Q is scheduled to be on the ballot. Some of the priorities include: Repair of aging schools, Technology upgrades, and Promoting a Healthier environment through green technology. In the event that Measure Q passes, Richland Avenue can surely benefit from the distribution of these funds.

#### ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Visit Richland Avenue's SCARE FAIR on October 25 from 12pm to 3pm. It's fun for the whole family! The Haunted House will also be open additional hours and days. See flyer opposite for details.



#### SCHOOL CENTS PROGRAM AT THE WESTSIDE PAVILION

Don't forget to make use of the School Cents program when shopping at the Westside Pavilion. **Take all your receipts for purchases made at 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. It's a great opportunity to help our local

school earn new equipment and supplies.

#### SOUP LABEL AND BOXTOP COLLECTION

Richland is also collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. You know you're already eating that cereal and soup, so take an extra 10 seconds to save the label or box top and you'll be helping a whole school of kids.

You can drop both off in 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

Did you know that your grocery club card can earn points for your local school? There's no cost to you. All you have to do is go to the Ralphs, Vons or Albertsons website and follow their procedures to register your club card and let them know that you want your purchases to count towards donations to Richland Avenue Elementary.

Washington Mutual has a similar program for their debit cards. If you bank at WaMu, register your card for Wamoola money to be donated to Richland Avenue Elementary. Shop, swipe, and give back to your neighborhood school ... it's easy!

#### 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.



### Be a Good Neighbor and Scoop Your Dog's Poop!



Once again, dog waste is becoming a problem around the school grounds. Dog walkers, please keep your dog in sight when walking around Richland Avenue Elementary and dispose of dog waste properly. If you have forgotten to bring a baggie, there are free bags in dispensers around the school. There is also a large trash can on Richland in front of the school. Thank you to the vast majority of people who always pick up after their pooch!

*Richland Avenue School*

*11562 Richland Avenue*

# *Scare Fair*

*Saturday October 25*

*12pm-3pm*

*Haunted House 12:00pm-5:00pm*



*Haunted House Hours*

*Wednesday October 29 5:00pm-8:00pm*

*Thursday October 30 5:00pm-8:00pm*

*Friday October 31 5:00pm-9:00pm*

*\$3 Adults \$2 children under 12*



## North Westdale Neighborhood Association

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Webmaster  
Newsletter Editor

Tony Sanelli  
Bahaa Mikhail  
Amy Levy  
Lillia Singer  
Andrew Parke  
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 [bunigrri@gmail.com](mailto:bunigrri@gmail.com).

*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 (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. NWA 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.

## 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](mailto:tsanelli@acpartners.com)

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 NWA cannot make any guarantees or endorsements regarding the services of the organizations herewith.



## 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 8/24/08 - 9/28/08:

Aggravated Assaults 1  
Burglary (Vehicle) 14  
Robbery 4  
Burglary (Res/Biz) 9  
Grand Theft Auto 10  
Homicide 0  
Sex 0

During this rating period Grand Theft Auto's (GTA) has become a problem in

Basic Car 14A25 area. Several of the victims this period left their vehicle unsecured and alone. Any suspect looks for easy targets where they can get in quietly and get out unseen. Lock and secure your vehicle anytime it is unattended. Attempt to park your vehicle in well-lit areas; lighting can be a strong deterrent for GTA suspects. Do not hide spare keys in or outside your vehicle, most GTA suspects know all the hiding places. 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.

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#### Reminder:

A25 NEIGHBORHOOD  
ADVISORY MEETING  
Tuesday, October 14, 2008  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific CRO Trailer  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los  
Angeles