

North Westdale News

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Next Meeting,
Special Appearance by:

**KARINA
SALAZAR**



Principal, Richland Avenue Elementary

Come meet the principal of our local elementary school
and get the latest scoop on what's in store for the
neighborhood's kids!

SAVE THE DATE!



5th Annual North Westdale
MEGA Garage Sale
Saturday, October 24

The NWNA Garage Sale is scheduled for October 24, 2009. We will create and have a map with all garage sale location available for the shoppers. We'll also advertise and have signs announcing it.

In the past few years these garage sales were very successful and a lot of fun. If you plan to have a garage sale and would like to have your address listed on the map, please email your address to:

Lillia Singer, bellagardendesign@att.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Meeting:
Monday,
Sept 14

7:00pm

St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
on Federal &
Clarkson

Upcoming
Meetings:
Oct 12
Nov 9
Dec 14

See back page
for meeting
agenda details.



From The President's Desk:

Dear North Westdale Neighbors,

Once again we find ourselves at the end of summer and the beginning of a new year for the North Westdale Neighborhood Association! At our last meeting, held in June, we ratified a new Board of Officers for a one year term.

Tony Sanelli served us all as the President of the NWNA for the past three years, and I wish to thank him for his dedication to our community and for his efforts and accomplishments. I hope to follow in his footsteps!

As Tony has mentioned throughout his tenure, we live in a wonderful neighborhood. We have the small town feel in whilst living in the big city. And even as I write this, I know we have real issues that affect our community, our property values and most importantly, our safety and security. For example, there are two Medical Marijuana stores operating in our neighborhood without the proper

licensing. There are several adult entertainment clubs in our area, one of which had more than two dozen arrests for illegal activities. There are several development projects in our area that guarantee an increase in traffic in our neighborhood, and the Santa Monica Airport continues to resist our efforts to curb air and noise pollution.

The good news is we have people that care about our neighborhood! If would like to participate in 1) beautifying our neighborhood, 2) asking for a sound wall to offset the freeway noise, 3) fighting the Santa Monica Airport, 4) making Richland Ave Elementary and/or Daniel Webster Jr. High a better school, please feel free to call me at 310-709-6431 or email me at bahaa@netpayservices.com.

Your friend and neighbor,

Bahaa

Bahaa Mikhail
President, NWNA

Monthly Farmers Market Report

The fruits and vegetables available at the Mar Vista farmers market the past summer months should still be available through September. You should see pluots, nectarines and peaches for the next several weeks or longer. Z Ranch from the Imperial Valley expects to carry honeydew, cantaloupe and watermelon in September depending on the weather. They also hope to have corn for about another month.

The tables of Central Valley Farm hold an interesting array of vegetables including an assortment of eggplants: Thai, white and Philippine green and purple. They also carry Chinese bitter melon and black eyed peas. Ask the owner Chiuefuer Her about Sinqua, a vegetable with an interesting squash like shape and consistency. He'll give you tips on how to prepare it.

Be sure to visit Maria at Sunshine Sprouts. Try one of her best sellers which, a mix of lentils, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds and peas. Another popular item is sunflower greens. She also sells sweet pea sprouts and a selection of beans such as white navy, pinto garbanzos and mung beans.



Mar Vista Farmers Market

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

The School Report: News & Events at Richland Avenue Elementary Reading and Math Test Scores Continue To Rise

A MSG FROM PRINCIPAL SALAZAR: RICHLAND AVENUE SCHOOL SHINES!

Congratulations to the Students, Parents and Staff at Richland Avenue! A preliminary look at our California Standardized Test scores for Spring 2009 show double digit gains in Reading at Third, Fifth and Sixth grades. In Math, students showed double digit gains at Third, Fourth and Sixth grades. The California Department of Education has delayed the API calculation until mid September. However, we anticipate that the increased number of students performing at proficient and advanced levels will be reflected in our 2009 API score. The focus for 2009-2010 will be to continue implementing the Cycle of Continuous Improvement to bring forth high quality teaching and learning for all students.

The first day of school for Richland Avenue will be Wednesday, September 9th. Upcoming events: On Saturday, September 12th the school will be hosting a Garden Day with Pepperdine volunteers 8:30am-noon in the school's Learning Garden.

On Saturday, September 19th the Richland Avenue Booster Club will be hosting its annual Back to School Picnic from 12:00pm to 3:00pm in the school's garden. Feel free to stop by and meet the Richland Avenue Staff for 2009-2010 school year!

SCARE FAIR: OCT 24

Richland's annual Halloween event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 12pm to 4pm. Come to the Scare Fair for carnival fun and the best Haunted House in West L.A.

ORGANIC FRUITS & VEGGIES

Fill your organic produce needs and support Richland Avenue Elementary at the same time! Bags are \$25 each and are available for pick up at Richland (Federal Ave entrance) from 1pm-4pm on Thursdays. To order email richlandorder@csacalifornia.org. For more information contact Kami Turrou at turrschreib@earthlink.net.

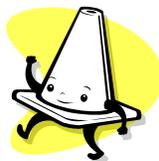
REMINDER! SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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. — NOTE: All Ralphs Club Card users must reregister their cards as of September 1, 2009!
- 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.

Safety First! Bill's Safety Corner



By: Bill Koontz

September is back to school month, so remember to sit down with your kids and discuss your "Family Emergency Plan". Your plan should include where to meet, what to do, and what emergency kits to prepare. For all this information and more go to the city's Emergency Management Dept. web site at

www.lacity.org/EMD

Then just click on the kids tab. Please take this little bit of time, it could make a big difference!

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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>

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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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@acfpartners.com.

Have a story idea or event that might be of interest to the neighborhood? Please email Victoria Sanelli at bunigril@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is Monday, August 31, 2009 for the September 2009 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

**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 CAPTAIN OPENINGS

2600 and 2800 Armacost
2500 Barry
2700-2800 Berkshire
2700-2800 Barrington
2400 Bundy
2700-2800 Coolidge
2700 Ceilhunt (east side)
12100 Clarkson
2400-2800 Stoner
2400, 2600-2800 Granville

Help keep our neighborhood informed and connected —please volunteer to be a block captain! Time commitment is just 15-30 minutes a month (basically the time it takes to pass out the newsletter)! You do not have to live on the block you are block captain for. Call Tony Sanelli at (310) 694-0228 or tsanelli@acfpartners.com for more information.



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 7/1/09 - 7/31/09:

Aggravated Assaults 0
Burglary (Vehicle) 17
Robbery 5
Burglary (Res/Biz) 15
Grand Theft Auto 11
Homicide 0
Sex 1

During this rating period Burglary (Residential/Business) has again become a problem in 14A25

area. Due to the small heat wave we have been experiencing you have been leaving windows and doors open for ventilation. Those open windows and doors are also a welcome mat for burglary suspects.

Consider window pegs to allow your window to open partially preventing an adult from being able to climb through. Secure all doors when you are not home especially patio doors. Install sensor lights around your property, burglary suspects detest being seen committing their crimes. Keep shrubs and hedges trimmed. This will give burglary suspects fewer places to hide. Join

your local Neighborhood Watch Program it is still the best tool we have against crime. Contact your local police if you observe a crime in progress.

Safety Tip

Internet gambling safety tips. Gambling on the Internet is especially risky because gambling is an unregulated industry and currently, there is no effective way to control it. Companies based in foreign countries using foreign bank accounts are able to easily bilk consumers out of their money.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Reports
 - A. President
Appointing a Block Captain Leader
Casden Project
Red Mountain Project
Medical Marijuana stores - Vote on whether or not we oppose them in our neighborhood.
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Treasurer
3. Guest Speaker: Richland's Principal, Ms. Salazar
4. Guest Speaker: Yigal – 2852 Sawtelle Blvd. Re: Recycling Center near Rite-Aid
5. Mega Garage Sale
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Richland
 - B. Outreach
 - C. Beautification – Paster Josh
 - D. Crime
 - E. Airport
 - F. Bylaws