

# NEIGHBORS UNITED



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Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,  
Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00pm

Join us at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard

Faircrest Heights: One of the Hottest Neighborhoods In America in 2013 — BusinessInsider.com

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## President's Corner by Laura Anderson

*just take me to the ocean* Greetings Neighbors,

In case you haven't been outside to feel that heavy sunshine on your face - summer is officially here!

A huge thank you to all of you who were able to attend last month's meeting, and we hope that you will join us again this month! (As you all know, we need everyone's involvement to help to maintain the great quality of life in Faircrest Heights). Summer is a season full of outdoor activities to entice us to enjoy the weather. Whether it's BBQs with family, pool parties with your neighbors, or concerts under the stars - it all says summertime! On that note, I wanted to highlight one of our neighbors.

Our very talented young neighbor Skylar Shinn and his parents Eric and Lisa Shinn live in the 1900 block of Point of View, Sklyer and his twin sister Sierra are straight A students graduated 8th from Palms Middle School and had attend our own Crescent Heights Elem. School. Sklyer is performing in at the Disney Concert Hall on July 15th, he is the lead bassist for the R & B Session! Please help support this wonderful music program. [www.icyola.org](http://www.icyola.org) And if you're looking for a fabulous event of music - Skylar is not to be missed!

Inside this newsletter you'll find lots of activities for summer, as well as a bio on this month's guest speaker. We'll see you on Monday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

*Laura Anderson*  
President

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- 10th District Update

### LAPD Numbers

- Emergency .....911
- Non-Emergency .....311877.275.5273  
.....or (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station .....213.473.0476
- Senior Lead Officer Adam Green  
North of 18th Street .....213.793.0647
- Community Relations Officer  
Javier Segovia .....213.793.0786
- Anonymous Tip Line  
.....877.LAW.FULL  
877.529.3855

Call 911 immediately if you see persons breaking into homes or loitering around neighbors' homes.

## July's Guest Speaker

Eleven years ago Aaron Weiss was laid off from his job building for EA Environmental Construction. He and his wife, Rebecca, dreamed of raising a family, and two years after immigrating from Israel, Aaron was determined to establish roots in the United States. So, he did the unimaginable: this brave young man agreed to remodel his grandmother-in-law's home. The words you're reading wouldn't be here if he hadn't delivered a blockbuster performance -- in fact, Aaron himself might not be here either. So, riding on the logic that, as he stated, "if I can work for my in-laws, I figured I can work for anybody," Aaron Weiss launched ARM Builders.

ARM's impeccable customer service standards, and collaborative approach to building -- focusing on the experience of their clients -- has generated a word-of-mouth flow of clientele that caught the attention of remodeling shows such as TLC's Nate and Jeremiah by Design. Aaron and his crew of experts take the extra time to consult with their clients on everything from envisioning a concept, to code and engineering concerns. "I enjoy sitting down with homeowners, simplifying the many options, and finding the best solution together," said Aaron.

ARM's range of expertise includes everything from subterranean parking garages, to new construction, and major remodels of single family homes. After 14 years in the business, Aaron is up-to-date and fluent in the minutiae of obtaining permits, adhering to zoning laws, and construction financing. In the past decade, Aaron has done more than just transform homes and property values, he and Rebecca are raising three charming little Weiss's, just as warm and quick to smile as their parents.

A year and a half ago, Aaron and Rebecca moved their family to the 1700 block of Hayworth. Of course, when you're in the business of real estate enhancement you don't simply buy a home, you make one. While they didn't quite start from scratch, pictures of the remodeling process reveal a completely skinned and gutted structure. "We had an ambitious goal to host our son's third year party on January 1st. With over 100 guests on the way, we broke ground on June 1st and were able to celebrate his birthday in our new home," explained Rebecca. "The support and friendliness of our new neighbors made me feel good about investing in our community." Added Aaron. "Renovating my own family's home made every decision I make with other homeowners more personal because I went through that process too. That's why we welcome our neighbors to visit our home to see an example of our work."

ARM specializes in helping their homeowners visualize and execute mid-range to up-scale renovations covering everything from expanding homes, to kitchens, bathrooms, and garage conversions. You read that correct, garage conversions in Los Angeles are finally legal!

While it might seem like ARM Builders can magically turn all that's ill into wonderfully inviting experiences, Aaron and Rebecca understand nurturing a bright future for their family transcends commerce. The Weisses are active contributors to their local synagogue, the Napa Center Kids Foundation, and the Hope4Adam campaign for bone marrow transplant matches.

Weiss's care, talent, and prowess coalesce to provide the construction version of a five star hotel. ARM's approach guides homeowners through every step, with as little, or as much, involvement as their clients desire, taking the stress out of remodeling, while enhancing the creative experience. Weiss seems to genuinely enjoy the process, "we love working with our clients to help them realize their dreams." Whether you're wanting to be first in line for a garage conversion, or have a dream kitchen in mind, ARM offers free consultations in the convenience of your own home...and you'll probably make a new friend in the process!



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### The Great Shift to An eNewsletter!



We are able to deliver the newsletter direct to your email inbox. With the rising cost of printing the hard copy, we are asking **ONLY** those interested in receiving the paper copy to respond. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter in its printed form, please contact your block captain by **July 31st** so that we may add you to the print list. Our funds will

not support the current number of copies unless we increase the membership dues, so we are trying to be thoughtful about how many are printed. **We've brought this to your attention in previous issues, but please be aware that this is the last printed copy of the newsletter that you will receive (unless you have previously notified your captain! Next month we shift to an eNewsletter! We will deliver to paid members who do not have an email address or who have expressed a preference to have the newsletter in print format. Thank you!**

## Ready for Obama Boulevard?

On June 20th, L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson introduced a motion to rename "Rodeo Road" to "Obama Boulevard". Rodeo Road runs through the 10th Council District and was where then-Senator Obama's first Los Angeles campaign rally took place in 2007. The 10th Council District is home to Washington Boulevard, Adams Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard, and now it may also be home to Obama Boulevard. For more information or to sign the growing petition, please visit [herbwesson.com](http://herbwesson.com).



## Stay Connected!

This newsletter runs with your support, and with the transition to a new editor, your article contributions and feedback are much appreciated! Please send any contributions to us at: [NeighborsUnitedofFH@gmail.com](mailto:NeighborsUnitedofFH@gmail.com)



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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
HERB J. WESSON, JR.**

**MOVIES  
IN  
THE PARK**

**Gratis!**

**June 30  
Reynier  
Park**

**EL DORADO**

**Prizes!**

**PUSS IN BOOTS**

**August 11  
Benny Dotter  
Park Annex**

**August 25  
West Side Park  
Screen 1**

**August 25  
West Side Park  
Screen 2**

**August 18  
Queen Anne  
Rec. Center**

**Flushed  
Away**

**FREE  
ADMISSION  
POPCORN/HOT DOGS/  
CANDY/DRINKS**

**The Fox  
and the  
Hound**

**Festivities begin  
at sundown**

**ROBIN HOOD**





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# LAFD GIRLS CAMP



**Saturday, July 22–  
Sunday, July 23**  
**8am–5pm**

Fire Station 59  
11505 W. Olympic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

**REGISTRATION MANDATORY:**

[lafd-camp.eventbrite.com](http://lafd-camp.eventbrite.com)

**213.893.9899**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**



Ever wondered what it's like to be a firefighter? Girls aged 14 to 18, you're invited to experience L.A.'s bravest job with a hands-on, two-day weekend program taught by our very own female firefighters and cadets. Challenge yourself and learn about future career opportunities with fun activities using actual firefighting tools and equipment. You can even suit up and try on official protective gear. What are you waiting for? We can't wait to meet you!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

VISIT [JOINLAFD.ORG](http://JOINLAFD.ORG) or CALL 213.893.9899



**Just for Fun:**

What do you call a snowman in July? A puddle!

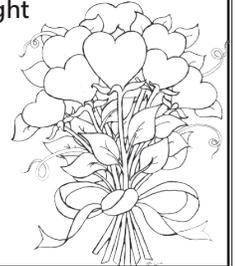
What do you call an American drawing? A Yankee doodle!

### Hearts & Flowers

We are sending our thoughts and concerns for all those neighbors in need now.

Please keep in touch with neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes or bereaved. Give them a call or a visit, you never know how you might brighten their day.

**Remember to notify your block captain or Helen Nelson, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-934-0752.**



### Officers & Committee Chairs

- President .....Laura Anderson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President .....Mary Ann Yurkonis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President .....Anne Davenport
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- Sergeant-At-Arms.....Yvonne Smith
- Newsletter Editor .....Allie Cormier
- Hearts & Flowers Chair ....Helen Nelson

*If you are interested in joining - please join us at the meeting this coming Tuesday!*

Please give your dues to your block captain. Feel free to bring them to a meeting, or mail them to:  
Neighbors United • P.O.Box 35103 • Los Angeles, CA 90035

### Neighbors United Membership Form

The membership drive is happening now! Support Faircrest Heights!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly Dues: \$15.00

*Please fill this out and give it with your check payable to Neighbors United to your block captain*