

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles December 2014 Issue No. 12

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard.**
Faircrest Heights: One of the Hottest Neighborhoods In America In 2013—BusinessInsider.com



President's Corner By Laura Anderson

Greetings Neighbors,

We hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday...and shopping. Now it's time to celebrate at our annual holiday party. Come and join us on Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m.. It is our tradition to bring families together at our December meeting and put aside business so we can have a great time.

Faircrest Heights is one of the city's most diverse neighborhoods. We have a wonderful time celebrating our holiday traditions and cultures with our neighbors. It is a time for sharing stories of holiday memories, cultural music and foods.

Thanks to Joan Anderson for coordinating our celebration. She has suggested a menu of chicken or ham, green salad, mac and cheese, vegetables, fruit, or dessert. However, you can bring your own special dish. Joan looking for help to set up and clean up Please meet her at 6 p.m. at Claude Pepper if you can help with decorating and setting up. Otherwise plan to stay afterwards to lend a hand in cleaning up.

Do you have a talent you'd like to display? We'd love to have you entertain us. We'll end the year on a high note getting to know our new neighbors and renewing acquaintances with long-time friends.

For the past several years, Neighbors United has collected food for our local and regional food banks. With your help Last month we delivered 58 pounds of food to SOVA - one of our local community resources. "SOVA" is a Hebrew word that means "eat and be satisfied." SOVA provides free groceries and an array of supportive services to over 12,000 individuals of all ages, ethnicities and religions each month. We appreciate the fact that you care enough to share your blessings with others.

We'll see you on Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

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LAPD Numbers

- Emergency 911
- Non-emergency 311 or
877-275-5273
(877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station
213-473-0476
Senior Lead Officer Adam Green
213-793-0647 (North of 18th Street)
Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas
213-793-0786 (South of 18th Street)
Anonymous Tip Line
877-529-3855
(877-LAW-FULL)

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

Remembering Fred Anderson

Fred and Joan Anderson were among the founding members of the Stearns Drive-Crescent Heights Block Club more than 30 years ago. Because of the block club's successful track record with community projects neighbors as far away as Pico Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue joined our group and the club was renamed as Neighbors United Neighborhood Association to include them. In addition the overall community was named Faircrest Heights.

As a resident of Faircrest Heights for 45 years, Fred tirelessly served the Neighbors United community until his health restricted his activities. He was a community security patrol, and he formed a committee to identify and resolve problems such as graffiti, broken sidewalks, tree trimming, and gang activity—he called it the “Bird-Dog” Committee. Fred served as the president of Neighbors United and for many years was a dedicated block captain. He was a true community activist.

Following a career in the Navy, Fred attended college earning BA and MA degrees. He taught at John Adams Middle School in Santa Monica for a number of years and for over 30 years for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. He was a member of the Santa Monica Classroom Teachers' Association and served on the negotiating team for the teachers' union. Later he taught public speaking at Santa Monica College where he worked until 2013.

He was a member of numerous organizations, including Claude Pepper Senior Center and was an avid golfer and photographer.

Fred and his beautiful wife, Joan would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary within one month. As a 30-year cancer survivor, Fred lived an amazing life.

On behalf of our neighbors and friends of the Neighbors United of Faircrest Heights community, we extend our sincerest condolences to Joan, his children and grandchildren and the entire family. His memory will live on in our hearts.

Joan sends a heartfelt thank you to Neighbors United for all of their support during this time. Fred was proud to be a member.

LAPD Has an Important Message for The Community!

As Holiday Season 2014 gets into full swing, here are some tips to help you have a safe and joyous holiday season.

LAPD asks you to secure your vehicles and do not leave anything of value inside. There has been an increase of burglary from motor vehicles inside apartment parking garages. Don't allow people to enter apartment parking garages behind you and lock your vehicles. Also:

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

Claude Pepper Senior Club's Annual Holiday Bazaar

The Claude Pepper Senior Club is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar this coming Saturday, December 6 from 11 AM until 4 PM at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard, LA. There will be beautiful gifts to buy, tasty food for sale, door prizes and grand prize drawings. Come out, have fun, and buy gifts for the holidays. For additional information, call the office at 310-559-9677.

It's Election Time Again

We thank all current officers and block captains for their service over the last year. Some of our officers and block captains have served this community since the beginning of the Neighbors United organization more than 30 years ago. We also thank the newer neighbors who have taken an active role.

We are hoping that you will consider volunteering to for a position. Key positions include: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-At-Arms. It's not too late for you to self-nominate/volunteer for an office at our December holiday party. We will hold our election quickly and they get on with the fun. Officers' duties are listed below.

Normally we hold our annual election in November. However, we moved the date back this year because of the holidays on our meeting dates.

Officers Key Responsibilities/Official Duties

President: Oversee business affairs, property; preside over meetings; appoint nonelected committee chairs
1st Vice President: Preside over meetings in absence of President; coordinate matters of social concern to the association and seek proper resolution; interface with representatives of public agencies having jurisdiction over the association's area.
2nd Vice President: Powers & duties as may be as assigned by the President; preside over meeting in absence of President & 1 st Vice President; coordinate ways and means of accomplishing the association's goals and objectives; identify and interface with appropriate contacts to facilitate the association's goals and objectives.
Recording Secretary: Record minutes of board meetings and general meetings of association; distribute minutes of meetings as appropriate; custodian of records, including constitution, bylaws, minutes of all meetings, job descriptions for all officers and financial statements. Will keep a record of all names and addresses of association members. Other duties incident of the Recording Secretary as may be given by the President.
Corresponding Secretary: Prepare all correspondence as directed by the President or the Board; maintain files of all correspondence, announcements, notices, newsletters and a mailing list of the associations correspondents. Other duties incident of the Corresponding Secretary as may be given by the President.
Treasurer: Have charge of and be responsible for all monies, receipts and disbursements of the association; cause monies and other valuable effects of the association to be deposited in the name and to the credit of the association in such banks or trust companies as selected by the Board. Disburse checks or drafts signed by the President, Treasurer or other designated board member. Keep accurate records; provide monthly financial statements to the President; provide quarterly financial statements to the membership of association.
Parliamentarian: Provide expertise in the rules and usage of assembly according to Robert's Rules of Order; maintain bylaws or rules adopted by the association; serve as chief arbitrator in disputed matters
Sergeant-At-Arms: Ensure all meetings are conducted with appropriate decorum consistent with Roberts Rules of Order; other duties incident of the Sergeant At Arms as may be given by the President.

Hearts and Flowers

We extend our condolences to the family of Fred Anderson who passed away last week; Condolences to Mrs. Fern Harris whose husband, Emmitt, who passed away on Oct. 27.

We extend holiday wishes to our neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes. Give them a call or a visit to brighten their day.

Remember to notify your block captain or Virginia Thomas, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-935-7104 or stefflute1@aol.com

Visit our website: <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com>. You can also access the website from www.neighborsunited.net. Be sure to submit articles, pictures and communications of interest to the Faircrest Heights community.

Welcome New Neighbors

We welcome our new neighbors and invite you to come and get involved. We need your ideas, your skills and resources to help us to maintain a great quality of life in our community.

Dues for 2015 are Due

It's that time again. Please use the membership form below to provide your information. Enclose your check for \$15 and mail it to Neighbors United, P. O. Box 35103, Los Angeles, CA 90035, bring it to a meeting, or give it to your block captain. By including your email address, we may be able to email future newsletters. If you pay dues in November or December, they are applied for following year. Your dues cover the cost of renting our meeting place, printing newsletters, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses, such as communicating with the City on planning and other issues. Thank you for your continued support.

Please give your dues to your block captain, 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,



Happy Hanukkah



Merry Christmas



Happy Kwanzaa