

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,

Monday, December 14, 2015 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,

Can you believe how fast this year has gone? Monday night is our final gathering for 2015. We will clear the agenda for all except our election of officers for 2016. Please be ready to volunteer to hold an office or to be a block captain. We need your help to maintain a great quality of life in the great Faircrest Heights community.

Thanks to all who brought canned goods to our last meeting. Your food gifts were donated to **SOVA** - one of our local community resources. "SOVA" is a Hebrew word that means "eat and be satisfied." We collected and donated 25 pounds of food which was delivered by our Hearts and Flowers chairperson, Virginia Thomas.

A few weeks ago I kicked off my annual food drive that supports the LA Food Bank and our community. This year the talented students of Project 18 Forty Dance helped me walk the neighborhood and deliver paper bags for the food drive collection. I'm so thankful for the help and glad to hear they had fun as well!

Thanks to the generosity of YOU, my neighbors in Faircrest Heights the food drive has been a huge success we have collected 26 bags so far! There is still time to join in, as the Crescents Heights Elementary school as teamed up with me and is collecting donations thru December 18th. You may also contact me directly to pick up your donation. Your donation to my annual food drive may seem small, but together we can make a huge difference. Thank you again for your continuous support. Wishing you and your Family Happy Holidays!

We'll see you on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m.



Happy Hanukkah



Merry Christmas



Happy Kwanzaa

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Agenda

Annual Holiday Celebration
Meeting neighbors,
sharing favorite foods,
sharing our traditions.
Bring the family!

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.

Our Holiday Party

Join us for our annual holiday party on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Claude Pepper Senior Center. Our party chairperson, Joan Anderson asks that we bring chicken (any kind), side dishes, salads and desserts. Casseroles are not needed this time. It's a great time to share your favorite holiday dish or dessert. We'll provide the drinks and paper goods.

We'll take a few minutes for our election of officers and then, it's party time. Do you dance or sing? Show us. Got a great holiday story? Tell us. Bring the family and let's have a great time. Did we say that there will be lots of prizes? Yes, there will be lots of prizes. We'll end the year on a high note getting to know our new neighbors and renewing acquaintances with long-time friends.

Happy Hanukkah



Monday is also the last day of Hanukkah—the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the ancient Israelites over the Syrian Greek army, and the subsequent miracle of restoring the menorah in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

The miracle of Hanukkah is that only one vial of oil was found with just enough oil for one day, and yet it lasted for eight full days. We extend our heartfelt best wishes to our friends and neighbors as you celebrate.

We hope you will join us to share this beautiful holiday.

Holiday Shopping in the Neighborhood

While you are doing your holiday shopping, you might want to consider the shops on Pico Boulevard. There are a number of shops with an extensive variety of gift ideas, from clothing to antiques. If you get hungry, there are great restaurants for just about every taste. Many of these shops were sponsors of our block party last August by providing prizes. Let's support them.

Here's a sample list of the shops you'll find:

- Food: Sky's Tacos; Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles; Oki's Dog; CJs; La Maison du Pain; Bloom Cafe; Chic wine bar (a cafe, dance studio and gift gallery); Breakaway Bakery (kosher and gluten-free); Paper or Plastik;
- Clothing: Pinky Rose Boutique; Our Favorite Shop footwear for men.
- Stationery and Gifts: Cordially Invited Stationery and Gifts; Darren's Unique Gifts & Things.
- Pet Care: Eco Dog Wash and Daycare.
- Furniture, Art, and Antiques: Brainworks Home; Bleu Moon; Herman Schwartz; Pico Modern.
- Wellness: Whole Body Method Pilates Studio; Live Well Chiropractor & Pilates Center.
- Sporting Goods: Mike's Bike and Skateboard Shop

Don't forget the La Cienega Farmer's Market has gifts of fresh fruits and vegetables. The La Cienega Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday at Kaiser Permanents from 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m.; and every Thursday at 18th and La Cienega from 2 p.m. 'til 7 p.m.

Claude Pepper Senior Club Christmas Party

While you're in a celebrating mood, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Claude Pepper Senior Club Christmas party to be held on December 17 at the Claude Pepper Senior Center. There will be lunch, entertainment, prizes and valet parking. Tickets are available for \$30 and can be purchased in the Claude Pepper office or at our party from Joan Anderson.

Looking ahead, The Claude Pepper Senior Club is having a Valentine's Day celebration on Friday, February 12, 2016. There will be live entertainment, dancing, refreshments, drawings, and fun for all. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Project 18 Forty Dancers

Our very own Faircrest Heights Project 18 Forty Dancers who performed at our block party this summer are having their Christmas Performance on Saturday December 19th, 7pm - 8:30PM at Evolve Dance Studio, 5872 Pico Blvd Suite A Los Angeles, CA 90019. Hope to see you there!

The Los Angeles Police Department invites you to attend our Community Police Academy!

On January 26, 2016, Operations-West Bureau will conduct a Community Police Academy for adults.

The eleven-week course will be held at the The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, 6505 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90048. The class will meet each Tuesday evening between 6:30 and 9:30 pm. The course will conclude with a graduation ceremony on April 5, 2016.

Through the Community Police Academy, enrolled students will be encouraged to build a lasting partnership with the Department, with the ultimate goal of reducing crime and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Each community member must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years or older;
- Live or work in Operations-West Bureau;
- No prior felony convictions;
- No outstanding warrants;
- No pending criminal cases; and
- Must be approved by an Area Commanding Officer.

Interested citizens should contact the Community Relations Office of their local police station;

Hollywood Area (323) 871-4068

Wilshire Area (213) 473-0200

West Los Angeles Area (310) 444-0729

Pacific Area (310) 202-2890

Olympic Area (213) 382-9130

Here's a Reminder from LAPD

Community + Police = Crime Reduction

Crime prevention cannot be achieved by the Police alone, we must work hand-in-hand with the public, our residents, and businesses. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to join us.

It's Election Time Again

As a reminder, it's time for our election of officers for Neighbors United. We are hoping that you will volunteer to for a position. Just raise your hand at the holiday party and let us know which office you'd like to fill. We will vote at our December meeting just before our annual holiday party.

Block Captains are Needed As Follows:

Fairfax Avenue: 1500, 1600(West) and 1800 blocks

Guthrie Street: 5900 block

While we can send newsletters electronically to some neighbors, everyone does not have email and not everyone shares their email addresses. Therefore, we still deliver hard copies to make certain that our neighbors are informed about Faircrest Heights issues. We hope others will kindly step up and help.

What does a block captain do? They distribute monthly newsletters to neighbors on their block and inform the NU board of issues of interest or concern on the block. If you are willing to help us, please email us at neighborsunited2@aol.com or post it on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/neighborsunited1981. Also we invite you to get involved to help with committees and projects that we undertake during the year.

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.

Hearts and Flowers

Please keep in touch with neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes or bereaved. 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**

2016 Dues are Due

Our 2016 membership dues of \$15 are due and payable now. (Neighbors who are 80+ years old are exempt from dues; however, to receive the newsletter, you must complete a membership form and note that you are 80+. Your age will not be made public.) If you just paid dues in November or December, they are applied for 2016.

Your dues cover the cost of renting our meeting place, printing newsletters, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses. Newsletters are available to all of our neighbors who have paid dues. The names of neighbors whose dues are paid will appear on our membership roster, which is developed for the sole benefit of our community.

The membership roster is provided only to paid members and is not to be shared with anyone outside of Neighbors United. In addition, only paid members on your specific block will receive a roster of your block. Officers and block captains have a complete roster. The roster is particularly useful for emergency contacts. Please use the membership form below to provide your information. Enclose your check for \$15 and

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.