

# NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10<sup>th</sup> District, Los Angeles January 2015 Issue No. 1

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,  
Monday, January 12, 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!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Our holiday party was a tremendous success. We enjoyed delicious food and had a great time visiting with and getting to know our neighbors. Next time, we hope to see more of you.

Once more we collected food for our local and regional food banks.  
**THANK YOU for your generosity!**

Welcome to the new year and to all the things we have to look forward to. I thank each of you for the privilege of being your president and for supporting me during the past year. As we move into 2015, I'd like to see you and to hear from you any issues and projects that you would like to do as a community to make this a better place to live.

We've been tossing around the idea of having a block party this year. We must start planning right away, for there is much to do to make it a very successful event. We need someone to lead the charge and we need people to help with planning. For example, we'd like to have a party that is free to the community. To do this, we must enlist sponsors to provide food, entertainment, chairs, tables, umbrellas, sound system, etc. Our target date would be the second Saturday of August.

We would love to hear your ideas. Come to our January meeting and let us hear from you. Remember, you do not have to be an officer to help us to get things done. We have so much to do this year to maintain a high quality of life in our beautiful Faircrest Heights Community. We need YOU! So **Bring on the New Year!**

We'll see you on Monday, January 12.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas 213-793-0786 (South of 18<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Anonymous Tip Line 877-529-3855 (877-LAW-FULL)

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

## **Introducing Neighborhood Prosecutor Mehrnoosh Zahiri**

We encourage you to come to our next meeting and meet Mehrnoosh Zahiri. “Nooshie” as she is affectionately called was recently appointed by City Attorney Mike Feuer to the Neighborhood Prosecutors Program and is assigned to Wilshire Division.



The Neighborhood Prosecutors Program of the City Attorney’s Office aims to identify, prioritize, and address criminal problems before they grow into more serious offenses that can lead to urban decay in our communities. City prosecutors understand that the ability to respond to neighborhood complaints and address criminal problems proactively is critical to improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

This is an opportunity to come and talk about the issues such as the illegal marijuana dispensaries, homeless encampments, sidewalk repairs, graffiti and other quality of life concerns

## **A Landmark Bites the Dust**



Early last Sunday Morning, January 5, a landmark carob tree at the corner of Stearns Drive and Sawyer Street bade farewell to the community. The tree has stood there since at least 1941 when the homes on the 1900 block of Stearns drive were built.

Like many of these large, old carob trees, the roots had spread out and demolished the adjacent sidewalk. Also this tree and one directly across the street were overgrown, diseased and decaying.

Although neighbors had called the City many times requesting that these two trees be pruned or removed, they were told there was no budget for these services. We all knew the trees would fall soon.

During the holiday season, a crew came out and cut a few branches from the tree across the street because they were blocking the stop sign. When asked whether they would also cut the tree across the street, they said yes. However they left without doing so.

As of this writing, five days have passed and the tree has been resting on Stearns and Sawyer, blocking the view of oncoming traffic and the City has yet to remove it. A crew came briefly on Sunday and cut a portion of the tree to prevent that part from falling on passersby. According to neighbors, they were told the crew could not do more because they were on overtime. People have come by to cut “fire wood” for their personal use, but where is the City? Thankfully, no one was injured and there was no property damage other than the street signs below.

## **New Neighbors United Officers for 2015**

During the holiday party, we held our election of officers or you might call it our “volunteering” for officers. We thank our neighbors who continue to give their time for the benefit of the community.

President:	Laura Anderson	Recording Secretary:	Richard Lindstrom
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Marguerite Strain	Corresponding Secretary:	Sue Beidleman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Ann Davenport	Sergeant-at-Arms:	Yvonne Smith
Treasurer:	Shan Wickramasinghe	Hearts and Flowers	Virginia Thoma

## Neighbors United Block Captains for 2015

We have a new block captain for the 1900 block of Point View Street. His name is Steven Barnum. He is replacing Mary Edmonds, who has served for as the block captain for nearly 30 years. Thank you Mary!

Listed below are the dedicated individuals who volunteer to distribute newsletters monthly. Thanks to each of you for distributing newsletters in the rain, cold or hot weather. They are the backbone of the association.

### **Block Captains** As of January 2015

<u>Block</u>	<u>Block Captain</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Block Captain</u>
<u>Airdrome</u>		<u>Hi Point</u>	
5900	Amal Haraket	1500	Dana Pehrson
		1600	Beverly Kishimoto/Dana Pehrson
<u>Alvira</u>		1800	Sue Spueher
1700	Paul Myers	<u>Pickford</u>	
<u>Crescent Heights</u>		1400/1500	Traci Considine
1500-1700	Irene Ayala	<u>Point View</u>	
1800 & 2000	Ana Lambert	1400/1500	Fern Paillet
1900	Joan Anderson	1600	Theodora Kinder & George Murray
<u>Fairfax Avenue</u>		1800	Yvonne Smith
1500/1600(West)	Vacant	1900	Steven Barnum
1600 (East)	Joan Jackson	2000	Helen Crosby
1800	Vacant	<u>Saturn</u>	Tamara Lewis
<u>Guthrie</u>		<u>Stearns Drive</u>	
5900	Vacant	1400/1500	Vacant
		1600	Vacant
<u>Hayworth</u>		1700	Charles Kennedy
1400	Walt Stephens	1800	Lisa Oliver-Nakagama
1500	Noreen Gant Reine	1900/2000	Luis Brown
1600	Tammy Gibbs		
1700	Helen Nelson		
1800	Laura Anderson		

If your block is not represented or if you are not receiving newsletters monthly, please consider volunteering to help us reach all of our neighbors.

## **PICO Neighborhood Council**

The PICO Neighborhood Council is looking for a few committed folks. There are vacant seats for a Non-Profit Representative and an At Large Representative. For more information visit the PICO Neighborhood Council website at [piconc.com](http://piconc.com).

### **Hearts and Flowers**

Our thoughts are with George Murray, who was hit by a car last year and has been in the hospital. Also thinking of our members who have been unable to join us for meetings due to health issues.

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](mailto:stefflute1@aol.com).**

Visit our website: <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com>. You can also access the website from [www.neighborsunited.net](http://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,**