

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles July 2014 Issue No. 7

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, July 14, 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

Hello Neighbors,

We hope your celebration of our nation's independence was a great one.

At our next meeting, John Skull of DR Horton Home Builders will bring us an update on the Sawyer Homes Project. The DR Horton Company purchased the project to build 60 new homes from Lee Homes/LA Urban Homes. As you can see the project is underway. Be sure to come and get answers to your questions and concerns.

Neighbors United will take a break in August. We will resume in our meetings on September 8.

Traditionally, we held an annual block party for many years in August in lieu of our regular meeting. After so many of the regular planning committee members moved away or could no longer assist, we made the difficult decision not to continue the annual party.

In 2011 we had a big block party to celebrate our 30 years as an active neighborhood association. At that time some of our newer neighbors enjoyed the party so much that they suggested we do it again. We can do it! We just need volunteers for a block party next August. Let us know if you'd like help with planning. Contact us on the web site or at the NU email address listed below.

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.

We'll see you on Monday, July 14.

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Agenda

- Sawyer Homes Update – With New Developer - Dr Horton Homes
- Mansionization Update
- 10th District Update
- LAPD Update

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.

Avoid LAX “Century Crunch” Traffic July 25-28 Weekend by Taking Public Transit

Public transit is one of the best options for avoiding the “Century Crunch,” a 57-hour street closure on Century Boulevard to demolish the Century Boulevard Bridge leading into LAX during the weekend of July 25-28 as part of construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

Numerous transit lines, including FlyAway® bus, Metro Green Line with free LAX Shuttle G to and from airline terminals, Metro Bus, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, Culver City Bus, Beach Cities Transit, and Torrance Transit will all provide access to the airport during the weekend bridge demolition operation.

Century Boulevard, one of the main access roads to the airport will be closed to traffic at the Aviation Boulevard intersection beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, July 25, through 6 a.m. Monday, July 28. Access to LAX from Sepulveda Boulevard will remain open as usual. The old railroad bridge needs to be demolished to allow for the future construction of a new Century/Aviation light rail station.

Watch Out for Cell Phone Thieves

If you are on the sidewalk while talking/texting on your cellphone, please be careful! There have been a few cellphone snatches recently. Suspects target people who are very distracted with their devices.

Little-Known Ordinances in Los Angeles - Did you know?

13.20.402 – Parking in Your Front Yard (Lawn) is Prohibited:

A. No owner or operator of a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, or camper body shall park or store such motor vehicle, trailer, boat or camper body within the front yard of a parcel of land used for residential purposes and no person in possession of land used for residential purposes shall permit another person to so park or store such vehicles thereon, except on a driveway or in a garage or carport.

B. As used in this section, “front yard” means the area between the front property line and the front of a residential building.

C. As used in this section, “driveway” means a paved area not in excess of 20 feet in width, over the shortest distance between the vehicular entrance to a garage or carport and the point of access to a street or highway. Driveway shall also include any other paved area within a front yard which has been approved by the director of planning for the parking of motor vehicles, boats, trailers and camper bodies. Any person wishing to utilize such additional driveway areas shall submit a site plan to the director of planning for approval, which approval shall be granted upon a finding that the maintenance of paved parking in such portions of the front yard as are depicted on the site plan will preserve adequate front yard areas for landscaping and will not have a deleterious effect on neighboring properties.

Front Yard Parking – Vehicles should not be parked in the front yard area, except in a designated driveway (LAMC 80.71.3).

Parking in Alleys – Except for emergency vehicles, parking is never allowed in alleys. (Vehicle Code 22951)

13.20.170: Parking in Parkway:

No owner of or operator of any motor vehicle shall park said motor vehicle between any curb and the adjacent property line except at those locations at which the City Council determines by resolution, that such parking will not constitute a traffic hazard or public nuisance. (Ord. 379 Section 1.1977)

Properties must be free of trash, debris and overgrown vegetation (LAMC 91.8104)

For the safety of residents and visitors, houses must be painted, maintained and in good repair. (LAMC 91.8104.1 – 91.8104.13)

Little-Known Ordinances in Los Angeles - Did you know? (Continued)

Items, such as indoor furniture, plumbing fixtures, and construction or auto parts are not to be stored in the yard (LAMC 12.21A(a), 12.08A, 12.21C1)

Trash containers can be set on the curbside no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening before collection and removed no later than 8 p.m. the following day (LAMC 6627)

It is illegal to deposit rubbish or refuse of any kind on any street or upon any private premises in the city. (LAMC 66-27) (Call for pick-up – Bureau of Sanitation 3-1-1).

Storage containers or private hauling bins must have permits to be placed on public property (LAMC 62.45) (Bureau of Street Services – 3-1-1)

To file a complaint regarding excessive noise from barking dogs (LAMC 53.63), submit a letter to your area Animal Services facility, including your name, address, phone number, address of barking dog, description of problem, your signature.

Home Auto Repair – Other than minor emergencies, which must be completed within 24 hours, all auto repairs should be done in an area that is entirely enclosed from view. (LAMC 12.21A1(a))

Inoperative Vehicles – Non-working vehicles must be stored in a garage or area not viewable from a public street--not in a driveway (LAMC 12.21A8(b))

Car Alarms – Must be automatically silenced within five minutes (LAMC 114.06) - (877) ASK-LAPD

- Dept. of Building and Safety for private property parking problem (800) 524-2854
- Dept. of Transportation for public property parking or abandoned vehicles (800) ABANDON
- Dept. of Transportation for traffic signals, stop signs, red curbs or speed humps 3-1-1

More Things to Do This Summer?

Jazz at LACMA: Jazz at LACMA features the art of jazz as practiced by leading Southern California artists. Celebrating over twenty years at LACMA, the program continues to be one of the museum's most recognizable offerings. Jazz at LACMA is a celebration of L.A.'s finest jazz musicians and has featured such legends as Wayne Shorter, John Clayton, Kenny Burrell, Les McCann, Billy Childs, Arturo Sandoval, Cannonball-Coltrane Project, and Ernie Watts. Fridays at 6 p.m.

Sundays Live at LACMA:

LACMA's weekly chamber music series, Sundays Live, features the best of national, international, Los Angeles and emerging artists. These one-hour concerts are presented free to the public at 6 pm each Sunday in the Leo S. Bing Theater. Performers include local luminaries, such as the Capitol Ensemble, UCLA Camarades, and the Lyrus String Quartet, and such visiting artists as the Triple Helix Trio, pianist Joel Fan, the Brasil Guitar Duo, and pianists Bruce Brubaker, Inna Faliks and Abbey Simon. Sundays at 6 p.m.

Movies in the Park (Council President Wesson's Office) Fun for families – free movies, hot dogs and popcorn. Features to be announced.

August 1 at Benny Potter Park, 2413 2nd Avenue
August 22 at Queen Ann Park, 1240 West Blvd
September 6 at Reynier Park, 2803 Reynier Avenue
September 12 at Westside Neighborhood Park, 3085 Clyde Ave

"Country in the City" FREE concerts this summer!

This summer, KCRW returns to Century Park in Century City for FREE all-ages outdoor concerts inspired by the Annenberg Space for Photography's newest exhibit, "Country: Portraits of an American Sound." Bring your friends & family, pack a picnic* and join us for three fantastic evenings of music under the stars.

"Country in the City" features headliners that need no introduction alongside some of the most compelling talents emerging from country music today -- plus food trucks & on-site restaurants, a beer garden, late night museum hours and much more!

Guests are welcome to bring picnic food and sealed water bottles only (no other outside liquids or glass containers please); no chairs (or other furniture) are allowed.

Saturday, July 19
GREGG ALLMAN
Sturgill Simpson
with KCRW DJ Anne Litt

Saturday, July 26
SHELBY LYNNE
Jamestown Revival
with KCRW DJ Chris Douridas

Saturday, August 2
WYNONNA &
THE BIG NOISE
Nikki Lane
with KCRW DJ Gary Calamar

Concerts are FREE, but R.S.V.P. is required. Go to <http://www.kcrw.com/events/country-in-the-city-2014-rsvp>

Early arrival is encouraged -Doors: 5pm; Line-up begins: 3pm

Hearts and Flowers

We extend our condolences to Joshua Essang whose wife Gladys passed away recently.

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.**

**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,