

# NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10<sup>th</sup> District, Los Angeles June 2016 Issue No. 6

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,**

**Monday, June 13, 2016 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,

Congratulations to the graduates at all levels. Congratulations, also to all the folks who are just glad that the school year has come to an end. We have included a few great ideas on page 4 for things to do this summer.

Last month we canceled our regular Neighbors United meeting and encouraged our members and neighbors to attend two very important community meetings. Thank you for the very good turnout at both meetings. This is our way of staying connected and learning about issues beyond our borders that impact our community.

At the Los Angeles City Planning Department Community Meeting and Open House, we had an opportunity to share our thoughts on the size and general design characteristics of single-family homes in the RA, RE, RS and R1 zones in Faircrest Heights.

After reviewing charts and posters showing the current and future examples of housing configurations on lots, neighbors separated into three or four discussion groups. Surprise, surprise! Without cross communication, each group reached the same conclusion—that we would like homes to be no more than 2900-3000 sq. ft.; that there be consistent front-yard set-backs no flat front designs; that garages be in the back and that the design of future homes have some relationship to existing homes in the community.

Hopefully the Planning Representatives shared with their departments the passion and concern we have for our community.

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

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**Happy Father's Day!**

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- Open Discussion on Issues Affecting Faircrest Heights
- Neighborhood Council Update
- 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

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

## **Remembering Rob and Elise Sandiford**

Our hearts are saddened about the tragic accident that claimed the lives of two of our beloved neighbors, Rob and Elise Sandiford of Stearns Drive.

Theirs was a beautiful love story, beginning in Colorado where Elise attended college, graduate school, and then taught Special Education. They married in 1979, and moved to L.A. for Rob's music. Rob had a wonderful career at Los Angeles City Hall, while Elise taught in Special Education and Juvenile Court Schools.

With the expansion of their family, Elise chose full-time parenting, caring for their daughter Kira and son Devon. She was an active volunteer at the Los Angeles Community Magnet school and the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies for many years.

When he had time away from his "day job", Rob was a musician and songwriter. He and such bands as *Scramble* and *Homemade Jam* played at festivals, open mike nights and many other events. Rob also played his guitar and sang at Neighbors United block parties and holiday parties over the years.

Finally retirement came and Rob and Elise headed off in their new RV to the Strawberry Music Festival where they looked forward to Rob's performing and seeing their friends. Now, they are together forever, resting in peace.

We extend our deepest condolences to Kira and Devon and their extended family and friends. They will be truly missed in our community. A memorial service will be scheduled in the future. We will share the information as soon as we hear.

## **Your Neighbors Are Pretty Angry**



If you are the one(s) who walk(s) your dog off-leash and/or do not carry bags to clean up your dog's business, your neighbors are pretty angry. Most of our neighbors are very thoughtful and responsible. They always pick up their doggy droppings and dispose of them. However there are a few less considerate dog walkers who do not.

A September 2014 article in the Los Angeles Times reported that the Los Angeles City Council adopted a new system that allows police officers to issue citations for minor "quality of life" crimes that would typically be resolved with a warning. The pilot program, called Administrative Citation Enforcement, gives the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Animal Services a new enforcement tool that bypasses the court system. It allows city officials to impose fines for offenses such as having dogs off leashes, dumping garbage in public streets, or urinating in public.

Currently, officers can either give a warning, or launch a criminal misdemeanor case against people who commit these infractions. Under the program, fines for animal-related offenses begin at \$100, and then increase to \$250 and then \$500. Most first offenses of other infractions would be \$250, the second \$500 and the third \$1,000. In each incident, officers can still decide whether to issue a warning, a financial penalty or a criminal case.

Another problem reported to us is dogs running loose and attacking neighbors' leashed dogs as they walk. Some neighbors have had to pay expensive veterinarian bills for injuries to their dogs.

## **Wanted: Recording Secretary, Hearts and Flowers Chair and Block Captains**



Our dedicated Recording Secretary, Hearts and Flowers Chair and Block Captains for the 1600 Block of Point View are stepping down from their volunteer assignments and we are in urgent need for someone to replace them.

We offer congratulations to Richard Lindstrom, who for many years served as our treasurer and more recently as our recording secretary. Richard has been accepted into a doctoral program at the University of Southern California and will begin his studies this summer. He will be unable to continue as our secretary.

We reluctantly say goodbye to long-time neighbors Virginia and Art Thomas. Virginia has served as our Hearts and Flowers Chair for many years. Art has always been a willing worker in all of our community projects. The Thomases have moved to a new community. Although details are not available at this time, a new multifamily development will replace their home and adjacent properties. We will sincerely miss them.

Dedicated block captains George and Theodora can no longer serve as block captains for the 1600 block of Point View. We greatly appreciate their dedication and hard work over the years.

So what is required, you ask?

- **Recording Secretary:** Record minutes of board meetings and general meetings of association; read minutes at meetings as appropriate; maintain records, including constitution, bylaws, minutes of all meetings, job descriptions for all officers. 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.
- **Hearts and Flowers Chair:** Sends get-well, thinking of you and condolence cards to NU members when we have been notified of an illness or death. In addition delivers flowers or plants to neighbors who have been hospitalized or had a death in the immediate family
- **Block Captains** distribute monthly newsletters to neighbors on their block and inform the NU board of issues of interest or concern on the block. While we do 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. Block captains are also needed for the 1500, 1600 and 1800 blocks of Fairfax (west side).

This is a great time for new neighbors to step up and get involved. If you are willing to help us, please email us at [neighborsunited2@aol.com](mailto:neighborsunited2@aol.com) or post it on the website at <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com>. You can also access the website from [www.neighborsunited.net](http://www.neighborsunited.net).

### **Share your Thoughts about Faircrest Heights**

Want to share your thoughts about our neighborhood? We invite you to write an essay or article to be included in the NU newsletter telling us about your views, about an experience you had since moving here, or what you'd like to see in your community. Please submit your article to [neighborsunited2@aol.com](mailto:neighborsunited2@aol.com) no later than the first Saturday of the month. We'll include it—space permitting—that month or shortly thereafter.

## Things to Do This Summer

**California Science Center** - Admission to the Science Center's permanent exhibition galleries is FREE (excluding IMAX and Special Exhibits). Enhance your experience by viewing an educational movie at the IMAX Theater or reserving timed admission to view Space Shuttle Endeavour and any of the special exhibitions. The External Tank, also known as the ET, was like the "gas tank" for the space shuttle orbiter. It carried propellants—liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen—that flowed into the Space Shuttle Main. Endeavour Timed Reservations for **individuals** are required everyday through September 7th 2016. Please read the [Endeavour reservation information page](#) prior to your visit. For groups of 15 or more please call (213) 744-2019.

Avoid traffic! Ride the Metro Expo Line to the Science Center, located at the Expo Park/USC station.

**U.S. Bank Tower, OUE Skyspace LA** - Coming June 26, 2016, the all-new OUE Skyspace LA will be California's tallest open-air observation deck and the premiere destination for panoramic, 360-degree views of Los Angeles. From nearly 1,000 feet above the city in the iconic U.S. Bank Tower, OUE Skyspace LA will honor the culture, community and people that make Los Angeles unlike any other city in the world. It will also house space for weddings, social and corporate events. Tickets to OUE Skyspace LA are now on sale. For more information call: 213.481.5798.

**Robertson Public Library** - Summer Reading Club is a great way to combat summer slide by keeping children's reading skills sharp over the summer. All of our 73 Los Angeles Public Libraries will have free programs, activities and prizes that encourage children to read over the summer. As you probably already know, all programs at the Robertson branch are listed on our events calendar, <http://www.lapl.org/summer-reading/kids>

**Take the Expo Line to the Beach or to downtown events, i.e. Grand Park, Museums and Concert venues.**

### Hearts and Flowers

Our condolences to the families of Rob and Elise Sandiford of Stearns Drive, and Mrs. Carrie Butler of Hi Point Street.

Get well wishes to Michelle Warrick, who is recovering from surgery.

Our thoughts are with Thelma Hilliard, Helen Crosby, Patty Kennedy, Helen Nelson, Sandy Moody and Tamara Lewis and with all 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 email us at [neighborsunited2@aol.com](mailto:neighborsunited2@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.

**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,**