

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles March 2015 Issue No. 3

Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,

Monday, MARCH 9, 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**

Hello Neighbors:

Spring time is fast approaching and it's time to do some much needed spring cleaning, planting vegetables and flowers. Many of our neighbors have begun to replacing their lawns with drought tolerant lawns.

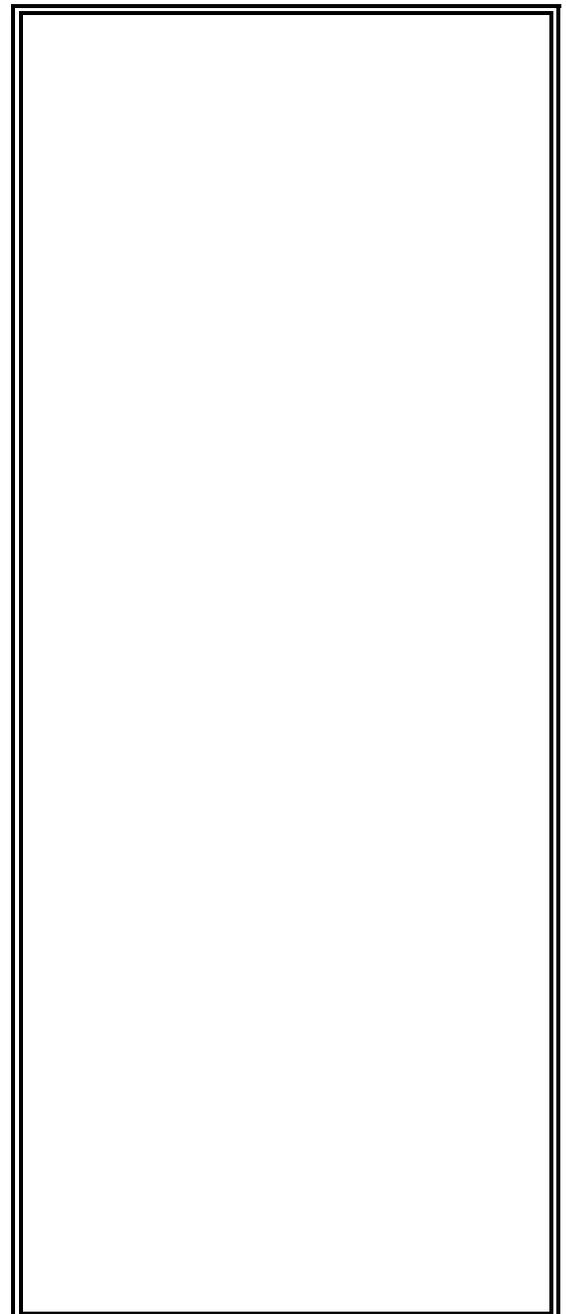
For our next meeting I've invited a local landscape designer to give us ideas about freshening up our yards.

Stephen Baldonado is a fully licensed landscaper and designer with many years of gardening experience. A graduate of Cal Poly Pomona, Stephen has also worked at New York's Central Park and New York Botanical Garden. He offers a full schedule of presentations at local garden events. Take a look at his website - www.igardendesigns.com.

We would love to hear your ideas. Come to our March 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!

We'll see you on Monday, March 9.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Shredding Event at LACES

Our thanks to our NU President, Laura Anderson, for sponsoring a free community shredding event last week at LACES. Neighbors and friends came from far and near to shred bags and boxes of personal and confidential documents. Identity theft is a very serious crime that is affecting more and more people. Shredding these documents helps to protect our private and personal information.



Help Stamp Out Graffiti and Illegal Dumping

Graffiti and illegal dumping is a significant vandalism problem for businesses and communities throughout this country. Besides defacing public and private property, graffiti and illegal dumping signals disorder in a neighborhood and invites crime. The physical condition of a neighborhood and a business district sends clear signals to potential offenders about the likelihood of being apprehended for their crimes.

Recently, waste from illegal dumping cost the city about \$12 million to clean up. It's also ugly. Everything from mattresses, shopping carts, televisions, construction debris to car parts can be found.

According to Kevin James, president of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works the Bureau of Sanitation's call center received approximately 600,000 service requests in fiscal year 13-14 of which 65 percent of the requests involved illegal dumping..

Faircrest Heights is a beautiful neighborhood. We cannot allow graffiti and illegal dumping to deface our community. Last year City Attorney Mike Feuer formed a task force to deal with illegal dumping on Los Angeles streets and alleys, calling the effort a "multi-jurisdictional strike force.

California Penal Code 374.3 makes illegal dumping on public and private property punishable by a fine up to \$10,000. Also, pursuant to Section 117555 of the California health and Safety Code, a person who dumps illegally is punishable by up to six months on jail.

We encourage our neighbors to report graffiti and illegal dumping immediately. You can receive a reward of up to \$1,000 for reporting illegal dumping in progress.

Call 311, or 1-800-773-2489; or go to http://www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/refuse/SR_IllegalDumping.htm to make a report.

It's Block Party Time!!!!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 8 and get ready for a great time this summer at our Neighbors United Block Party. Our first planning meeting is set for Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30—the location is pending.

Please be ready to sign up at the meeting on March 9 and let us know you'll help. If you cannot attend the meeting, email us at neighborsunited2@aol.com or sign up on the Neighbors United website <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com>. Leave us your name, address and email address so we can contact you with the meeting location.

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. We need you to help us make this a great event.

Here are photos of our last block party. Our entertainment was fantastic! The food was, too.



Watch Out for Your Catalytic Converter

Senior Lead Officer Adam Green warns neighbors of the following:

CAR BURGLARS ARE AFTER AN ESSENTIAL PIECE OF YOUR CAR. THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER, REQUIRED BY FEDERAL & STATE LAW AS PART OF YOUR EMISSIONS SYSTEM, CAN CONTAIN VALUABLE PLATINUM, PALLADIUM, RHODIUM OR GOLD. THEFTS ARE ON THE RISE IN THE MIRACLE MILE AND GREATER MID CITY AREA. IF TAKEN, YOU COULD BE IN FOR A \$400 TO \$1,400 FOR A REPLACEMENT



Please consider a catalytic converter protection lock or if available park your vehicle in a secure garage

Information & questions please contact Wilshire Auto Detectives (213)922-8205
LAPDWILSHIRE.COM

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.

Hearts and Flowers

Our thoughts are with Helen Tye, who was lost two nieces recently. Ishmael Jackson passed away last month. Also thinking of Thelma and Clif Hilliard, Helen Nelson, Patsy Kennedy and 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 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,