

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles March 2016 Issue No. 3

Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,

Monday, March 14 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,

I have had a few of our neighbors quietly inquire about the reverse mortgage program, so I have invited an expert in the field for our March meeting.

Our speaker is Becky Rhodes, MBA and Reverse Mortgage Specialist at American Advisors Group. She will provide in-depth information and answer any questions from our neighbors. Be sure to come and hear about this important option for homeowners. As always, Neighbors United presents speakers on a variety of subjects and interests and in no way promotes or endorses the services provided by our guest speakers.

After considerable thought, I have submitted my application to run for the vacant Business Representative seat on the PICO Neighborhood Council. At this time two other persons are running for the seat. If you are a business owner within the borders of PICO NC, please come to Vons Market at PICO and Fairfax on May 1 and vote for me.

Our neighbor Yaron Hassid can't always attend our meetings, but he is sending a special treat for the March meeting. Thank you Yaron.

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.

We'd also like to encourage neighbors who have lived here for a while but have not come to a meeting lately to come and get involved. We need your help to maintain the great quality of life in Faircrest Heights.

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

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- All About Reverse Mortgages – Speaker: Becky Rhodes
- LAPD Update
- 10th District Update
- PICO Neighborhood Council 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.

A Youthful View of Faircrest Heights – By Madeline B.

I've grown up in this neighborhood since I was a child and almost always had a playmate. It was possible for me to walk to my best friend's house and play whenever we wanted to. However, as time went on my friend from down the street moved away and I went into middle school. I went to a private middle school and the friends I made there were not within walking distance of my house. Most of them were scattered in parts of Pasadena as well as Downtown L.A. This did not change when I entered high school. Now most of my friends live almost an hour away from me which limits our time to see one another. Sadly this is the reality of going to a private school, you meet amazing friends but lose the neighborhood feel. However, my brother goes to L.A.C.E.S which is only about two blocks away from where we live and allows him to meet students from the surrounding area. It would be advantageous to have youth and teen programs nearby to allow teens to meet one another as so many people on our street attend different schools around the city. It would enable teens and youth to connect and at the same time strengthen the community as a whole through newfound friendships.

Editor's Note: Thanks to our wonderful and thoughtful writer. She is a high school senior who volunteered to assist in her community as a school project. We suggested that she write an article about her view of life in Faircrest Heights from a young person's perspective. As a coincidence, my own daughter attended the same school several years ago. Her experience was very similar. Although there were many children in the neighborhood, most of them went to private schools and had very little interaction with each other in the community. Hopefully, Madeline's article will start a conversation on community spirit and interaction. Neighbors United is all about being a warm and friendly neighborhood.

Let's hear what you think. Write to us at neighborsunited2@aol.com and share your thoughts on our beautiful Faircrest Heights neighborhood and ways to encourage a true sense of community.

Proposed Mixed Use-100 Unit Apartment



Recently we sent an email blast asking neighbors to write comments to the Los Angeles Planning Department regarding an application for a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) submitted by developers for the proposed project pictured. Neighbors United submitted comments on behalf of our community, but we encourage all of you to continue to learn about the project and send comments.

The PICO Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee meeting that was scheduled for March 16 has been postponed at the request of the developers. However a new meeting date will be announced shortly. We encourage all community members who are concerned to attend the upcoming meeting. The date will be shared as soon as we have it. Your input is critical if we are to stop or modify this project.

Customer Service Saturday At DWP - March 12, 2016 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Questions about your DWP Bill? Go to one of the locations below to resolve complaints and issues.

The following Customer Service Centers (CSC) are open for business the **second** Saturday of each month

Crenshaw CSC

4030 Crenshaw Blvd., LA, CA
90008

Van Nuys CSC

6550 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys,
CA 91401

West Los Angeles CSC

1394 S. Sepulveda Blvd., LA, CA
90025

Workshop: Go Solar L.A. - 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Crenshaw & Van Nuys locations

Learn about LADWP's Solar Incentive Program and how generating your own renewable energy can help you save on your LADWP electric bill. If you're already an LADWP solar customer, Customers Service Representatives will also be available to answer questions on solar billing and how to read your meter.

California Friendly Landscaping Class Free, March 13, 2016 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Free California Friendly Landscape Classes will be held at Carthay Center Elementary School 6351 W Olympic Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90048 on Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 11 am until 2 pm.

The California Friendly Landscape Training Class helps you understand how to create gardens that thrive in our local climate, use resources wisely and look beautiful all year around. Learn how to evaluate your garden as a mini-watershed, create a living soil sponge that holds on to water, treat rainwater as a resource, choose the right plants for the right place, irrigate efficiently and manage your landscape for long-term beauty.

The event is FREE, but registration is required. You can register by emailing waterconservation@ladwp.com OR call the rebate hotline at (800) 544-4498, press 5. A confirmation will be sent with the location address and parking instructions

Grand Re-Opening of Pico-Fairfax Vons

Vons Market at Pico and Fairfax held its Grand Re-Opening of the newly remodeled store on last month Council President Herb Wesson made remarks, and he and community members toured the store and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Prior to the renovation, community members from surrounding neighborhoods had expressed disappointment with the quality of goods and services provided by the store. Many neighbors chose to shop elsewhere. The newly remodeled store is a vast improvement with many new features.

See photos of the event at <https://www.flickr.com/gp/140208655@N07/b69164>



PICO Neighborhood Council Election

Election Day: Sunday, May 1, 2016, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Vote in person at Vons' parking lot,
1430 S. Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles CA 90019

Did you know field representatives from both Herb Wesson's and Paul Koretz's offices regularly attend the PNC General Meetings? Attend a meeting and have your voice heard. Agendas for each meeting are posted on the PNC website: www.piconc.com.

Executive Meeting
1st Wednesdays Monthly
8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
5651 West Pico Blvd. #102
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Finance Meeting
1st Wednesdays Monthly,
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
5651 West Pico Blvd. #102
Los Angeles, CA 90019

General Board Meetings
2nd Wednesdays Monthly
8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Saturn Street Elementary
School
5360 Saturn Street
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Land Use Meeting
4th Thursdays Monthly
7:00 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.
5651 West Pico Blvd. #102
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Hearts and Flowers

Get well wishes to Martha Sherrard, who is recovering from surgery.

Thinking of you friends and neighbors who cannot be with us at meetings.

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.

f PICO PET PARADE

Treats + Fun
For
People + Pups
Raffle
Photos
Face Painting



Start:
Eco Dog
Wash &
Daycare @
5751 W.
Pico

End:
Hound
Dog + Cat
@
5450 W.
Pico
12 - 2 pm

- Paper or Plastik
 - Carrabba + Group
 - LA Pet Care
 - Good Gracious Events
 - Whole Body Method
 - Olsen's Scandinavian Deli
 - Emilio's Picture Framing
 - Pico Deli
 - Indeed
 - Casa Chocolate Deli
 - Hollywood Makeup Studio
 - Hound Dog + Cat
 - E&T Graphics
 - Daily Shake
 - Mahogany Hair
 - Sky's Gourmet Tacos
 - Cultural Interiors
 - Pinky Rose Boutique
 - Brainworks Home
 - Sleek Modern
- FAIRFAX**
- Eco Dog Wash & Care LA
 - Power Plant Super Food Cafe
 - Nobody Jones
 - My Two Cents
 - Charli
 - Live Well Chiro/Pilates
 - Dr Michelle Kim DC
 - Cordially Invited
 - Mike's Bikes
 - CJ's Cafe
 - Clae
 - Vs. Theatre Company
 - Martin & Brockett
 - Pop Life Arts Urban General Store
 - Day of Gal
- WEST PICO**
- HAUSER**
- BURNSIDE**



**Checking O' The
Chips**
Make Sure Your
Pets Microchip Is
Registered!
Chip Checks @
Hound Dog + Cat

Pet Microchipping @
Hound Dog + Cat
12-2pm by
1st Care Animal Health
Clinics: \$20 &
\$25 for
Toy Breeds



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 mail it to the Neighbors United post office box. Thank you.



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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,