

NEIGHBORS UNITED

Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles November 2015 Issue No. 11



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

Greetings Neighbors,

Our next meeting is this coming Monday, November 9. While most Federal holidays are celebrated on Mondays, Veteran's Day is always observed on November 11—Wednesday this year.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Joshua Sternlicht, field energy consultant for SolarCity. He will join us to discuss the benefits of solar energy. Some of our neighbors are converting to solar power. Come and find out whether it could work for you. SolarCity was a sponsor of our 2015 block party. As a reminder, Neighbors United does not endorse products and services presented at our meetings.

November is also a time of thanksgiving and showing gratitude. We will be collecting canned foods and non-perishable items for our Gratitude Food Drive. All goods will be donated to SOVA Community Food and Resource Program. SOVA provides free groceries and an array of supportive services to over 12,000 individuals of all ages, ethnicities and religions each month.

Flu Season is Coming- get free flu vaccination soon! Stay well this winter.

It's time to start planning our annual holiday party. We need volunteers to make it a great celebration. This is a family event, not a regular meeting—except for the brief election. So let us know that you'll help and mark your calendars for December 14.

We'll see you on Monday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Happy Veteran's Day -- Happy Thanksgiving!

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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 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.



Got Potholes?

As part of the city's Neighborhood Council Initiative Program, the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) works with neighborhood councils twice per year, to dispatch two workers and a small asphalt truck to do small asphalt repairs on potholes and pop outs, and patch eroded or cracked areas. PICO Neighborhood Council, which includes 11 neighborhoods, is offered the opportunity to outline the 15 most urgent requests for the neighborhood council area. So that we can get some Faircrest Heights addresses onto the list for PICO NC's next "Pothole Blitz" scheduled for December 17, we need your help!

Please send addresses (specific street addresses, please) and a photo or brief description of the problem (pothole, pop-out, crack or erosion) to LandUsePICONC@yahoo.com and neighborsunited2@aol.com by **Friday, November 13**. If you do not have access to email, you can relay addresses to our association president Laura Anderson or our PICO NC representative Yvonne Smith.

This is an opportunity for pothole repairs, not requests for sidewalk repairs during the blitz--unless we want black asphalt patches on the sidewalks. However, for your information, you can *always* make service requests at <http://bss.lacity.org/request.htm> for issues such as pothole or street repairs; street needs resurfacing; tree needs trimming; fallen tree, branches, or palm fronds; alley needs cleaning; street needs sweeping; object/debris in street; leaf blower violation; broken or damaged sidewalks; sidewalk obstruction; problem with/on median; downed palm fronds; and permits for tree pruning, tree removal, root pruning and stump removal.

Large requests (such as the major overhaul or resurfacing of alleys) are best addressed to Liz Carlin in our council office (323-733-8233) who can help prioritize and seek funding for more major repairs.

Annual Holiday Party

For more than 30 years, Neighbors United has held an annual family holiday party to celebrate the holiday traditions of our many diverse cultures. We can proudly say that the Faircrest Heights Community is among the city's most diverse areas with religious and non-religious neighbors, Asian, African, European, Latino, to name a few.

Over the years, even the names of our neighbors reflected our diversity. We actually had neighbors with the following names: Brown, Black, Gray, Green, Redd, and White and—yes—Blue. It is fun getting to know our neighbors and learning about their holiday traditions. Bring the family and your favorite holiday dish.

Unlike the block party, the holiday celebration is a more intimate setting where neighbors can sit and talk while eating delicious foods brought (and in many cases prepared) by our neighbors. We have entertainment by our neighbors and sharing of our great stories.

Joan Anderson has agreed to chair the Holiday Party committee and she's looking for help. At Monday's meeting we will have Sign Ups for the Holiday Pot Luck so you can let us know you'll be bringing your favorite dishes or desserts. This is a great time to bring your family and fellowship with neighbors. If you have a talent, we'd love to see or hear you perform. We can also share stories of our holiday traditions so we can learn about our diverse cultures. **There will be lots of door prizes, too. We look forward to seeing you there.**

Be Prepared for El Niño

By now, all of us have heard that El Niño storms are estimated to be the strongest in years. Officials are warning residents that now is the time to get prepared because if El Niño hits the way many experts believe it will, the rainy season this year could be catastrophic. There are predictions that El Niño could bring as much as 35 inches of rain during the upcoming winter season.

Agencies throughout Los Angeles County are already preparing. For the most up-to-date information, visit <https://www.lacounty.gov/elnino>

See LAPD's preparedness video at
http://www.lapdonline.org/wilshire_community_police_station/content_basic_view/55584

The LA Times lists 28 things to do to prepare for El Niño: <http://www.latimes.com/home/la-hm-el-nino-20151017-story.html>

Also, be aware of elderly or handicapped neighbors who may not be able to prepare.



**Los Angeles Council President
Herb J. Wesson, Jr.**

Adopt a pet, save a life!



Dear Friends,

Help make the City of Los Angeles a no-kill city by adopting a pet at your local shelter. This weekend, the No-Kill Los Angeles (NKLA) will be hosting more than 1,000 adoptable dogs and cats at the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum with adoption fees as low as \$50. All pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Adopters receive a collar, leash, coupons, pet beds, pet food and more while supplies last.

Admission is free to this family-friendly event and will feature L.A.'s most popular food trucks, an NKLA photo booth, and lots of fun prizes. Adopt your new best friend and save a life.

Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
Council President
Councilmember, 10th Council District

It's Election Time Again

As a reminder, it's time for our election of officers for Neighbors United. We are hoping that you will volunteer to for a position. Just email us at neighborsunited2@aol.com or send a note via the website at <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com> and let us know which office you'd like to fill. We will vote at our December meeting just before our annual holiday party. Please let us know of your interest by Saturday, November 28, 2015 so we can include your name on the candidate's slate in our December newsletter.

Block Captain Needed

We're in need of new block captains for the 1600 block of Point View. Let us know at the meeting or at neighborsunited2@aol.com if you will help.

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.

Hearts and Flowers

Get well wishes to Martha Basu, who is recuperating from a hospital stay.

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**

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

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,