

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, November 10, 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,

October already? Columbus Day is observed by the City of Los Angeles next Monday, so we will not meet this month. We will meet on the 10th of next month. Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 11.

Kimberly Rodgers of Childhelp foster care agency has agreed to reschedule and meet with us next month. You may also want to mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting, as the developer for the proposed 29 unit apartment building to be built on the 1400 block of Point View will meet with us to discuss the project.

I'd like to encourage you to bring your children to the Crescent Heights Elementary School's annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 25 from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be games and crafts, carnival treats, a pumpkin patch, book fair and a haunted house. I will have a booth and will be decorating Trick or Treat Bags with the kids! Admission is free. Tickets for games and food will be available for \$1. The school is located at 1661 S. Crescent Heights Boulevard.

With Halloween coming at the end of this month, we encourage you to watch out for "trick or treaters" as you drive through the neighborhood.

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 November 10.

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**Claude Pepper Center is
Closed for Columbus Day
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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.

Columbus Day Holiday for All ? Maybe Not!

Christopher Columbus is sometimes credited as the discoverer of the New World. However, this is controversial on many counts. Evidence shows that the first Europeans to sail across the Atlantic were Viking explorers from Scandinavia. More importantly, the land was already populated by indigenous peoples, who had 'discovered' the Americas thousands of years before. Some say that Columbus should not be honored for discovering North America, as he only went as far as some islands in the Caribbean and never got as far as mainland America.

Although Columbus Day has been celebrated as a Federal holiday since the 1930's, some states have discontinued the observance and cities like Minneapolis and Seattle have now renamed the day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day."

In Los Angeles, What's Closed and What's Not?

- **Government:** Federal, state, county and city offices, courts, libraries and animal shelters will be **closed**.
- **Mail:** The U.S. Postal Service **will not** deliver mail.
- **Schools:** Public schools will be **open**.
- **Transit:** Buses and subway services in Los Angeles will run on a **regular schedule** as will Santa Clarita Transit, Antelope Valley Transit and Ventura County's Gold Coast buses and Metrolink trains.
- **Banks:** Banks will be **closed**. Stock markets will be open but government bond markets and some commodities markets will be **closed**.
- **Trash:** Trash **will** be picked up on a regular schedule in Los Angeles, Burbank and Glendale.
- **Stores:** Malls and supermarkets will be **open**.

Looking for Landscaping Ideas?

One of our neighbors is planning to remove the lawn in front of her home. Her home was recently selected by Watershed Wise, Lawn Be Gone, for a hands-on workshop. The workshop will take place Saturday October 25 from 9-12, individuals wishing to attend can get additional information and sign up at this site: <http://www.watershedwisetraining.com/events/how-lawn-be-gone-ladwp-5/>.

Also more information is available on drought tolerant residential and landscaping at the following website: http://www.treepeople.org/sites/default/files/images/Residential_Parkway_Landscaping_Guidelines_halflayout.pdf

PICO Neighborhood Council Wants You!!!

PICO Neighborhood Council is a city-chartered, all-volunteer organization that forms a bridge between the powers of government and the needs of your community. If you live, work, own property or attend school here, then you can play an important role in one the most diverse and dynamic communities in Los Angeles. The Neighborhood Council helps with:

- Government Influence ~ *Make the city of LA work better for your neighborhood.*
- Local Alerts ~ *Stay on top of local issues that directly affect you.*
- Community Contacts ~ *Connect with people and organizations working to improve your community*

Please Join Us to find out what's going on in your community.

- Neighborhood Council General Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Saturn Elementary School, 5360 West Saturn Avenue, Los Angeles.
- Executive & finance Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 5651 W. Pico Boulevard, Suite 102 Los Angeles.
- Land Use Committee meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 at 5651 W. Pico Boulevard, Suite 102 Los Angeles.

It's Election Time Again

It's time for our election of officers for Neighbors United. We are hoping that you will take a look at the list of offices and duties below and 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.

Neighbors United was formed in 1981 and we have had a very good track record of community involvement. If you are new to Faircrest Heights, this will be a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to help us to maintain the quality of life in the community. If you have been here for a while, this will be a great opportunity to do the same and to make a difference.

Please let us know of you interest by Saturday, November 29, 2014 so we can include your name on the candidate's slate in our December newsletter.

Officers Key Responsibilities/Official Duties

President: Oversee business affairs, property; preside over meetings; appoint non -elected committee chairs
1st Vice President: Preside over meetings in absence of President; coordinate matters of social concern to the association and seek proper resolution; interface with representatives of public agencies having jurisdiction over the association's area.
2nd Vice President: Powers & duties as may be as assigned by the President; preside over meeting in absence of President & 1 st Vice President; coordinate ways and means of accomplishing the association's goals and objectives; identify and interface with appropriate contacts to facilitate the association's goals and objectives.
Recording Secretary: Record minutes of board meetings and general meetings of association; distribute minutes of meetings as appropriate; custodian of records, including constitution, bylaws, minutes of all meetings, job descriptions for all officers and financial statements. 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.
Corresponding Secretary: Prepare all correspondence as directed by the President or the Board; maintain files of all correspondence, announcements, notices, newsletters and a mailing list of the associations correspondents. Other duties incident of the Corresponding Secretary as may be given by the President.
Treasurer: Have charge of and be responsible for all monies, receipts and disbursements of the association; cause monies and other valuable effects of the association to be deposited in the name and to the credit of the association in such banks or trust companies as selected by the Board. Disburse checks or drafts signed by the President, Treasurer or other designated board member. Keep accurate records; provide monthly financial statements to the President; provide quarterly financial statements to the membership of association.
Parliamentarian: Provide expertise in the rules and usage of assembly according to Robert's Rules of Order; maintain bylaws or rules adopted by the association; serve as chief arbitrator in disputed matters

From the Office of Council President Wesson:

City Council Herb Wesson invites you to an Election Reform/Increasing Voter Turnout Workshop

The Los Angeles City Council’s Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Commission and the City Ethics Commission invite you to participate in discussing:

- The Municipal Elections Reform Commission Report & Recommendations
- Improving and Enhancing Voter Participation and Civic Engagement
- City’s Electoral Process: which may include consolidating the City’s elections with State and Federal Elections and a Voter Lottery

Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm at Van Nuys Council Chambers

Each meeting will include

- Panel Discussion of Experts
- Voter Lottery/Drawing Demonstration Project
- Public Comment

Contact Info: 213-473-7010 or Erika Pulst in City Clerk’s Office – 213978-1075 or email Erika.Pulst@lacity.org

Your Vote is Your Voice – Be Heard!

Hearts and Flowers

We extend get well wishes , we are thinking of you: Yvonne Smith, who is recuperating from surgery.

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**

Welcome New Neighbors

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.

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,