

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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

Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,

Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard.

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October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month

President's Corner By Laura Anderson

Hello Neighbors,

Columbus Day is observed by the City of Los Angeles next Monday, so we will meet on the third Monday, October 19.

At our next meeting, we'll have a guest from First American Home Warranty to share with us ways to protect our most expensive investment—our homes. Find out how a home warranty works and what is covered or not. As always, this is not an endorsement or recommendation, but an opportunity to learn about available services for our homes.

Neighbors United holds an election of officers each year. On page 3 you will find information about the offices and their duties. We urge you to read and chose a means of becoming more involved in our community. We need your help to maintain a high quality of life in Faircrest Heights.

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.

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. Also check the treats before your children eat them.

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. Our email address is neighborsunited2@aol.com.

We'll see you on Monday October 19

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**Claude Pepper Center is
Closed for Columbus Day
Our October Meeting
is Monday, 10/19**

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

Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October. Remember that in Los Angeles, the following offices will be closed and services will be rescheduled.

- **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**.

VONS Market Update

Representatives from Faircrest Heights, PicFair Village, Carthay Square, South Carthay, Pico Del Mar and Council Office representatives, Liz Carlin and Jordan Beroukhim, met with Vons Market executives as a follow up to previous discussions about the renovation of the Pico and Fairfax store. As we mentioned last month, Vons is planning a \$1 million interior remodel plus \$300K to \$500K in exterior improvements, including a vertical garden on the side of the facility landscaping, berms, etc.

Vons representatives brought artist renderings of the façade and landscape improvements and photographs of the proposed food departments. They include:

- A full service meat and seafood counter, with service from 8 am to 8 pm. The seafood will be supplied by the Santa Monica Seafood Market.
- A fresh-made kitchen to prepare fresh fruits and vegetables for “grab and go” convenience and cooked meals that are prepared on site in the new extended deli section and sandwich bar.
- Improved selections of Kosher, organic and low sodium foods, as well as ethnic and cultural foods.
- Floral selections designed on site upon request.
- A full-service bakery with all items made on-site.

Improved circulation within the store will be improved, including new check-out lanes to facilitate faster service.

They plan a number of improvements to the parking lot for security. We requested that they include the traffic island at Fairfax and Pico in their overall improvements. They indicated that they would work with the City to do so.

Construction is expected to begin early next year and continue for approximately 12 weeks. The store will remain open during construction, as most work will be completed during late night hours.

Neighborhood representatives had previously expressed displeasure with Vons’ quality and service and pointed out that the market does not meet the needs of the diverse communities it serves.

Vons executives plan to apply for rezoning of the property to mixed use designation in the future. This would substantially increase the property’s value and make the replacement of the existing store and development of a new 48,000+ square foot store more economically feasible. This would be done in partnership with an experienced mixed use developer.

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 28, 2015 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

Animal Services Liaison

In partnership with the Department of Animal Services (DAS), the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) is requesting each Neighborhood Council to appoint an Animal Services Liaison (Liaison) to work with the DAS on issues and services impacting Los Angeles neighborhoods. Liaisons will be the eyes, ears, and voice for their respective communities; will complement the outreach efforts of the DAS; and will also serve as the primary point of contact within Neighborhood Councils for the DAS. Liaisons will receive regular communication from the department and will be invited to meetings with department staff to discuss relevant issues.

Interested Neighborhood Council board members or Stakeholders (community members) should apply through Neighborhood Council Presidents/Chairpersons by October 30, 2015. Animal Services Liaisons will help the Department of Animal Services and City Hall focus on getting “Back to Basics” and helping make the city safer, more prosperous and livable with a well-run government.

Day of Discovery

You are invited to a Day of Discovery, a community, aviation and aerospace event to educate inspire and explore. The event is presented by the LAX Community Relations Division and Loyola Marymount University. This is a free event at the LMU campus, featuring Guest Speaker General Kevin P. Chilton (Space Shuttle Endeavour Pilot and Space Shuttle Atlantis Commander).

There will be an Aviation and Aerospace Expo from 11 am to 1 pm, followed by the guest speaker from 1 pm until 2 p.m.

Heavy Hors Oeuvres will be served.

For more information visit www.lawa.org/dayofdiscovery .

Hearts and Flowers

We are thinking of you: Sandy Moody.

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.