

# NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10<sup>th</sup> District, Los Angeles September 2014 Issue No. 9

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

**Monday, September 8, 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,

Last month we took a break – no meeting and no newsletters. We're back!

**Please make plans to attend our next meeting to hear about upcoming housing development plans in Faircrest Heights. Raffi Cohen of Galaxy Commercial Holdings will be our guest. Mr. Cohen plans to build 16 single-family homes on a new small lot subdivision project at Hi Point and Pickford. Be sure to come and get answers to your questions and concerns.**

You may recall our discussion of Jerry's Garden, the 31-room hotel in the 6000 block of Pico that had only 8 guest rooms with bathrooms and the remaining rooms had communal facilities. After operating for at least 10 years without proper permits, Jerry's Garden applied for a permit to continue its operations with certain improvements. Neighbors United, CHAPS, South Carthay and Carthay Square Associations, as well as PICO NC opposed the application and the Los Angeles Planning Department denied the application.

**There is an appeals hearing before the L. A. Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. We encourage anyone who can attend the hearing to go and let your voice be heard. For courtesy parking at City Hall contact Liz Carlin at Council President Wesson's office – 323-733-8233**

Visit our website: <http://faircrestheights.weebly.com>. You can also access the website from [www.neighborsunited.net](http://www.neighborsunited.net). Be sure to submit articles, pictures and communications of interest to the Faircrest Heights community.

We'll see you on Monday September 8.

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### Agenda

- Raffi Cohen – New Small Lot Sub-division – 1563-65 Hi Point Avenue
- Block Party Anyone?
- PICO Neighborhood Council Update
- 10<sup>th</sup> District Update
- LAPD 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 18<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas 213-793-0786 (South of 18<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Anonymous Tip Line 877-529-3855 (877-LAW-FULL)

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Call 911 immediately if you see persons breaking into homes or loitering around neighbors' homes.

## **Curious About the Surveyors in the Area?**



This is the La Cienega Interceptor Sewer project. According to the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, this project will rehabilitate 10,882 linear feet (2.1 miles) of the La Cienega Interceptor Sewer (LCIS) constructed in the 1920s, from La Cienega Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue (north of the Blackwelder Diversion Structure) to Schumacher Drive (north of Olympic Boulevard). The project will rehabilitate approximately, 3,462 linear feet (LF) of 39-inch semielliptical concrete sewers, 4,390 LF of 42-inch semi-elliptical tile lined concrete sewers, 2,660 LF of 63-inch semi-elliptical concrete sewers, 190 LF of 33-inch double barrel circular VCP siphon, and 180 LF of 45-inch circular concrete siphon. The project will also construct or remove/replace existing MHs, siphon structures. In addition, this project will construct approximately 2,800 lf of 8" VCP local sewer and 19 MHs to intercept the existing 48 active house connections (HCs). For our immediate area, construction will be between the La Cienega/Olympic intersection and the 10 freeway.

Here's the good news: This project will be completed mostly underground. Above ground construction will be mostly at tie-ins or intersections. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2017 and last for a year and a half. There will be a series of community meetings and affected areas will be notified by mail prior to construction.

## **The Changing of a Great Neighborhood**

Many neighbors have expressed concerns about new development projects in the Faircrest Heights Community. We hear of sky-high offers to purchase homes and sometimes intimidation about what is coming if you don't sell your home. Selling your home is a highly personal decision. Not a decision to be made in fear. Most homes in R-2 and R-3 zones will be replaced by apartment complexes or small lot subdivisions due to the deep lot sizes.

Developers can build up to 22 apartments in place of 2 single-family houses in these zones. They can build up to 29 units with a higher height with incentives to provide several low income units. There is such an application pending on the 1400 block of Point View. These will be rental properties.

Developers can build as many as 5 to 8 single-family homes in place of one single family home in these zones. The homes are typically up to 3 stories tall with parking garages for 2 cars. These are normally privately owned and not rented.

Normally in the R-1 zones, only one single-family home is permitted. However, several years ago, an ordinance permitted homeowners to build a "mother-in-law apartment" or "granny flat" on the same property under certain conditions.

We love Faircrest Heights and our neighbors. We look forward to maintaining its beautiful character and sense of community.

## **Looking for Landscaping Ideas?**

With the most serious drought in years and DWP's lawn replacement incentive program, we are providing a couple of links that might interest you: One is Residential Parkway Landscaping Guidelines:

[http://www.treepeople.org/sites/default/files/images/Residential\\_Parkway\\_Landscaping\\_Guidelines\\_halflayout.pdf](http://www.treepeople.org/sites/default/files/images/Residential_Parkway_Landscaping_Guidelines_halflayout.pdf)

The other is DWP's information and application for the incentive program:

<https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/ladwp/aboutus/a-water/a-w-conservation/a-w-c-landscap.jsessionid>

## **Encounter with Homeless Person**

We receive a number of complaints and concerns about homeless encampments along Venice Boulevard and in business doorways. We are told that the Police can no longer remove their belongings or force them to leave. One neighbor expressed a particular concern when a man recently grabbed her hand when she denied his request for money. She encourages neighbors to be careful when encountering homeless individuals. She wonders about humane ways to assist them and find suitable living conditions for them. Got ideas?

## **Ready for a Block Party?**

Many of our neighbors are asking when we'll have another block party. We're ready if you are. All we need is volunteers to get the ball rolling. We would have the block party in August 2015 in lieu of our regular meeting.

This would be a great time to get to know our neighbors and interact with our elected officials, the police and fire departments, and some of the businesses in the community. We can do it! We just need volunteers for a block party next August. Let us know if you'd like help with planning. Contact us on the web site or at the NU email address listed below.

### ***Council President Wesson Reminds Us: Be prepared for the next earthquake***

## **BE PREPARED**

With the recent earthquake, it is important that you update your emergency supply kit. Replace batteries, expired food and water

#### Your Emergency Supply Kit should include:

Water ( at least 1 gallon per person, per day)	Sleeping bag or blanket per person
Personal First Aid Kit	Whistle
Personal Hygiene Kit	Books/games/puzzles
Canned foods and juices	Candles/Light sticks
Prescription medications/eyeglasses	Tool box
Cash/Traveler's checks	Work Gloves
Backpack	Complete change of clothing/shoes
Battery powered flashlight	Local maps
Battery powered radio or tv	
Battery powered cell phone charger	Please visit the City of Los Angeles'
Batteries	Emergency Management Dept. for
Nutrition/protein bars	more emergency preparedness tips:
Eating utensils	<a href="http://emergency.lacity.org">@emergency.lacity.org</a>
Can opener for food	
Infant formula and diapers (if applicable)	
Pet food and extra water for your pet (if applicable)	

With the recent 6.0 magnitude earthquake in Napa, which is the largest earthquake in the Bay Area since the deadly 6.9 Loma Prieta quake in 1989, it is now more important than ever to be prepared for an earthquake.

Here's a list of suggested supplies for your Emergency Earthquake Kit. Please share!

For more information on earthquake preparedness, go to <http://emergency.lacity.org/index.htm>.

# Market Match!

Get your Market Match \$\$ at  
La Cienega Farmers' Market  
every Thursday!

1801 La Cienega Blvd. (corner of 18<sup>th</sup> St.)

Thursdays: 2:00pm-7:30pm



Eat Healthy &  
Save More!



market match



Clampies For Our Children  
www.First5LA.org



The Market Match program offers additional money to CalFresh/EBT, WIC, & SSI participants, who use their benefits at the La Cienega Farmers' Market.

Receive a dollar for dollar market match, up to \$10 max, per family, per market day when you purchase fruits & vegetables at La Cienega Farmers' Market.\*

*\*Customers must provide proof of program participation to CalFresh, WIC, or SSI.  
(ex: EBT card, WIC program packet, SSI letter)*

[www.lacienegafarmersmarket.com](http://www.lacienegafarmersmarket.com)

[www.hungeractionla.org](http://www.hungeractionla.org)

For more info, email us: [mnpfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:mnpfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

## Friends of Robertson Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Robertson Library will have its next Book Sale September 8th, 10:00 am-7:30 pm, and 9th, 12:30-7:30 pm in the Community Room of the Robertson Library. We are currently accepting donations of used books, DVDs and CDs for adults, young adults and children. Donations can be left at the Library Staff Workroom on the First Floor. Please only donate recent items, or classics, that are in good condition. The proceeds of the Book Sale will support programming AND new landscaping at the Library.

The Friends of the Robertson Library appreciate the ongoing support of FairCrest Heights residents. If you can also donate your time to help with the Book Sale, or are interested in joining the Friends, please email me: [dpehrson@ca.rr.com](mailto:dpehrson@ca.rr.com).

## NU Rosters Are Available

Neighbors United Rosters for 2014 will be distributed with your newsletter if you paid dues from November 2013 thru August 2014. Rosters are provided only to paid members on your block and are not shared outside of Neighbors United.

We are sorry for the delay in distribution. Dues for 2015 will be due beginning in December 2014 through March 2015.

## Hearts and Flowers

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of: Bessie Flagg and Leonard Madison of Hayworth Avenue; and Dan Baran of Point View Street.

We extend get well wishes , we are thinking of you: Fred Anderson, Martha Basu, Patty Kennedy, Helen Nelson and Helen Tye.

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](mailto:stefflute1@aol.com)**

**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,**