

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization • Since 1981 • 10th District, Los Angeles • December 2017 • Issue No. 12

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00pm and bring the whole family!**

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

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President's Corner by Laura Anderson

Greetings Neighbors,

We hope you are all staying warm as the weather is (finally) cooling down. As the nights start earlier we're looking forward to our meeting this coming Monday, December 11th at 7:00pm.

This month, as we look forward to holiday parties and events, we hope you all look forward to spending some time with all of us! We'll be having our holiday potluck party this month, and there is plenty of information on it inside.

We will also be holding our Neighbors United election as well, and there are a few seats open for new volunteers - we promise, it'll be fun!

While we are all looking forward to our holiday events, I would like to remind you all that we have been hosting our Annual Gratitude Food Drive. If you have been collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items, please bring them to the meeting or drop them off at my home (1820 Hayworth) and we will donate them to Holy Spirit on Pico and Burnside. The LAST day for donations is at the Monday meeting, so if you have a bag, bring it over to the meeting, and maybe stay a while to mix and mingle to the jinglin' beat!

We'll see you on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Anderson

President

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Agenda

- PICO NC Update
- Minutes from November
- Holiday Planning
- Election
- Holiday Party

LAPD Numbers

- Emergency911
- Non-Emergency311877.275.5273
.....or (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station213.473.0476
- Senior Lead Officer Adam Green
North of 18th Street213.793.0647
- Senior Lead Officer Tim Estevez
South of 18th Street213.793.0786
- Anonymous Tip Line
.....877.LAW.FULL
877.529.3855

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

A Message from Our Neighbor, Helen Nelson

Thank You

Helen Crosby, one of our longest standing and most active members, passed away last month. As per our Neighbors United standard, we sent flowers to her surviving children. I would like to thank those of you who reached out to her family, and to those neighbors who personally contributed to the flowers/wreath sent. Thank you for truly embodying the "Neighbors United" spirit.

Helen Nelson

The Annual Neighbors United Holiday Party is Here!

We hope you will all be joining us this coming Monday for the annual Neighbors United holiday party! For those of you with little ones, please bring them along to join in the fun! You do not need a babysitter to have a good time with your neighbors this year! We'd love to encourage you all to plan on sharing a poem, a joke, or a memory of your favorite holiday time - we'd love to hear about the diverse holiday cultures represented in our community.



The Treasurers Report: An Important Update for You

The yearly dues fee has been increased to **\$20/household**. We have not had an increase in dues in a many years and our costs have grown. The motion was passed with full support. Newsletters will now be distributed by email only and they will be available on the Neighbors United website. A limited number will be printed for Neighbors who do not have access to a computer.



The event is also a potluck, and Joan Anderson has graciously volunteered to help with organizing it! The suggested menu is chicken, ham, salads of any kind, vegetables, chips and dip, fruit platters, bread, drinks and desserts. **Block captains - please contact Joan (at joan67e@gmail.com) to let her know what your neighbors are planning to bring.**

Holiday Photobooth

Our President, Laura Anderson, held a Holiday photo booth event for the neighborhood at her home over the past weekend. It was super fun! Thank you Elaine Lee (our local photographer who lives on Crescent Heights) and her partner, Horatio Jung) who provided the photo booth!



Do You Know Your Holidays?

We have such a wonderfully rich and diverse neighborhood, and we thought it might be nice to include a brief description of the many other holidays being celebrated by your neighbors!

HANUKKAH



Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah, a holiday honoring the Maccabees's victory over King Antiochus, who forbade Jews to practice their religion. For eight nights, Hanukkah is celebrated with prayer, the lighting of the menorah, and food. A Hanukkah menorah has nine candles, a candle for every night, plus a

helper candle. Children play games, sing songs, and exchange gifts. Potato pancakes, known as latkes in Yiddish, are traditionally associated with Hanukkah and are served with applesauce and sour cream. The dates of Hanukkah change because this holiday follows the lunar cycle. In 2017, Hanukkah starts the evening of December 12 and ends on December 20.

WINTER SOLSTICE

The Winter Solstice occurs on either December 20, 21, 22, or 23 in the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the shortest day of the year. People all over the world participate with festivals and celebrations. Long ago, people celebrated by lighting bonfires and candles to coax back the sun.



CHRISTMAS



Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas in the United States brings together many customs from other countries and cultures. Around the world, family members help to decorate the tree and home with bright lights, wreaths, candles, holly, mistletoe, and ornaments. On Christmas Eve, many people go to church. Also on Christmas Eve, Santa comes from the North Pole in a sleigh to deliver gifts. In

Hawaii, it is said he arrives by boat; in Australia, the jolly man arrives on water skis; and in Ghana, he comes out of the jungle.

KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is celebrated December 26 through January 1. It is a holiday to commemorate African heritage, during which participants gather with family and friends to exchange gifts and to light a series of black, red, and green candles. These candles symbolize the seven basic values of African American family life: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.



THREE KINGS DAY



At the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas comes a day called the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day. This holiday is celebrated as the day the three wise men first saw baby Jesus and brought him gifts. On this day in

Spain, many children get their Christmas presents. In Puerto Rico, before children go to sleep on January 5, they leave a box with hay under their beds so the kings will leave good presents. In France, a delicious "kings' cake" known as la galette des rois is baked. Bakers hide a coin, jewel, or little toy inside it.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It falls on different dates each year, between January 21 and February 20. Visits to friends and family take place during this celebration. The color gold is said to bring wealth, and the color red is considered especially lucky. The New Year's Eve dinner is very large and includes fish, noodles, and dumplings.



We look forward to celebrating all of these holidays, as well as the many more to come, with all of you - our neighbors! Whatever you celebrate, we wish you a wonderful season!



M Holiday Potluck



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Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00pm to 8:00pm

Claude Pepper Senior Center

1762 La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90034

JOINING US?

Please let your block captains know what you plan to bring!!

We are also planning to have our Neighbors United election, so if you have ever considered helping out and joining your neighbors - now's the time!

Stay Connected!



This newsletter runs with your support, and with the transition to a new editor, your article contributions and feedback are much appreciated! Please send any contributions to us at: **NeighborsUnitedofFH@gmail.com**



Just for Fun:

Where does the snowman hide his money? *The Snow Bank*

What do you call a bankrupt Santa? *Saint Nickel-less.*

Why do mummies like the holidays? *Because of all the wrapping!*

Hearts & Flowers

Please keep in touch with neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes or bereaved. Give them a call or a visit, you never know how you might brighten their day.

We are sending our thoughts and concerns for all those neighbors in need now. **Remember to notify your block captain or Helen Nelson, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-934-0752.**



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If you are interested in joining - please join us at the meeting this coming Tuesday!

Please give your dues to your block captain. Feel free to 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: \$20.00

Please fill this out and give it with your check payable to Neighbors United to your block captain.

We are also in the process of getting a PayPal account for those of you who would prefer to pay your dues electronically.