

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization • Since 1981 • 10th District, Los Angeles • April 2017 • Issue No. 4

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00pm**

Join us 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,

I hope your February has been filled with the love and rose-y feelings that Valentine's day often brings.

Last month we celebrated the farewell of our Senior Lead Officer

Thomas who is retiring after 30 years with the LAPD. Thank you to all of you who came to celebrate and say your goodbyes, of course we hope to still see Officer Thomas around!

Officer Thomas introduced our new interim Senior Lead Officer, Javier Segovia. SLO Segovia greeted our neighbors, stating that he has most recently served as the Community Relations Officer at Wilshire. He will assume SLO Thomas' email address and cell phone number and looks forward to meeting with us going forward.

As we are officially in spring and a time of new life - we are hoping to breathe new life into our neighborhood as well. On these inside pages you will notice upcoming events that we hope to see many of our neighbors at. We are also once again calling for a *new* shift in the newsletter to an electronic version. This will allow us to keep our costs low, and - for those of you interested, add some fresh color (and new life) to this newsletter!

As always we need everyone's involvement to help to maintain the great quality of life in Faircrest Heights, and we hope you'll consider getting involved. We'll see you on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Anderson
President

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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
- Community Relations Officer
Javier Segovia213.793.0786
- Anonymous Tip Line
.....877.LAW.FULL
.....877.529.3855

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

Neighborhood Update

Special thanks to all those of you unable to attend the meeting and partake in the celebration (and cake!) for Senior Lead Office Thomas!

• Liz Carlan Field Deputy Notes

- A huge thank you to the neighborhood and those who spent their time and energy to change the zoning in this area.
- There is also a solar rebate program for our neighborhood, the DWP is pushing for our area. Like many other DWP rebates, the money may run out at a certain point so if you are interested you should act quickly!
- There are many neighbors that are interested in having their sidewalks done, please be aware that with all of the rain and issues associated, they are backed up on emergency tree work. If you haven't seen your sidewalk marked, you should go to 311 and log your sidewalk in.

• SLO Thomas' Crime Reports

- There seem to be more incidents being reported on the NextDoor website: please remember to make a report to the authorities! If it is not reported to the police, it is impossible for our officers to stay informed and keep us safe.
- The good news is that it seems like the general crime in the area is down 50% (woohoo!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TRAFFIC COUNT ON PICO

Pico Great Street's Collaborative needs our help! If you haven't already heard, Destination: Pico is launching this spring. Through a grant from the city, PGSC will be leading workshops, distributing surveys, and collecting data to figure out what improvements the community would like to see installed on Pico next year.

One of their first projects is to count how many people are traveling on or crossing Pico by foot or bike. We're even counting how many people cross where there's no crosswalk - because, hey, maybe there should be a crosswalk there. We will be counting Wednesday, April 5th from 7-9am and 4-6pm, and Saturday April 8th from 11am-1pm. The job involves sitting in one spot for two hours and writing down how many people and bikes that go by. It's a small time commitment, it's easy, you'll meet some of your neighbors, and you'll be helping make Pico a Great Street!

If you want to volunteer, please email Gerardo Reyes at greyesvega@gmail.com to get more information.

Upcoming Events

LAPD Wilshire Carnival

Friday, April 7th • 5 - 11pm
Saturday, April 8th • 2-12am
Sunday, April 9th • 12- 10pm
4861 W. Venice Blvd.

Venice & La Brea in front of the police station

Save 50% on presale tickets - contact the office at 213-473-0200. 10 rides for \$20.00.

** Please note that Venice Blvd will be closed between La Brea & Rimpau all weekend!!**

Spring Fling 2017 Festival

Saturday, May 6th

12 - 3pm

LACES • 5931 W. 18th St

See flyer insert for more information

Annual Shred Day

Saturday, May 13th

10 am - 12pm

Crescent Heights Elem. School (in the parking lot)

Sponsored by Laura Anderson, LA Real Estate Group

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 our new email address: NeighborsUnitedoffH@gmail.com



If you would prefer to have the newsletter delivered to your email address, please email us as well!

Watch Your Water! (UPDATE)

Many people noticed a higher than usual water bill. Many residents have seen an update in their mailboxes recently. Below is an excerpt:



The Settlement resolves a lawsuit concerning complaints arising out of customer overbilling and other billing errors by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ("LADWP") that were caused by, and are related to, the defective implementation of the LADWP's new billing system and/or damages incurred by customers' participation in the LADWP's solar incentive program. If you are an LADWP customer who was overcharged for electric, water, sewage or sanitation services or were otherwise damaged between the dates of September 3, 2013 and December 30, 2016, and who is entitled to credits or refunds for electric, water, sewage or sanitation services and/or for participation in the LADWP's solar incentive program from February 13, 2010, you may be eligible to obtain Settlement benefits.

More info is available online at ladwp.com

You're invited

to ...

Local District West's College Signing Day

celebration to acknowledge and encourage our students on their journey to college. Our college bound students will have the opportunity, as well, to inspire and motivate their peers and underclassmen.

Please join us to create a college culture for our students on their
Next Stop-- College!



Crescent Heights "I'm Going to College" Friday, April 28, 2017

#ReachHigher
LDW2017

Next Stop - College!

In line with former First Lady Michelle Obama's *Reach Higher Initiative*, LD West students will ceremoniously make collegiate commitments on April 28th at *College Signing Day* at their schools. LD West and District Officials will make appearances to district goal for all students to be college and career ready: *Next Stop—Crescent Heights LA/SJ School!*

The activities for the day will include:

- A bus visit from Local District to participating schools
- 9:00am- 10:00am - College Fair/Assembly
- Students signing the *College Signing Day Ledger*
- Presentations of lanyards to our graduates



WESSON

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 10

Join Us at the Spring Fling!

The 1st Annual Festival • Saturday, May 6th • 12 - 3pm

Please see the attached insert for more information about this upcoming fun filled, family friendly event! We hope to see you there! #PICOSPRINGFLING

For Better or For Worse®

by Lynn Johnston



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

**Concerned about emergencies and disasters?
The City of Los Angeles wants to hear from you!**

The City of Los Angeles is updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to prepare for disasters and needs public input. The LHMP is a plan to implement actions to reduce injuries and losses from disasters and ensure that the critical services and facilities of the City will continue to function after a disaster. Los Angeles has about 284 sunny days per year, but we do face the potential for earthquakes, floods, fires, hazardous materials incidents, power outages, infrastructure failure, transportation accidents, or even terrorism. Angelenos know LA better than anyone else, so we want to hear from you. We've developed a survey for residents, business owners, and City employees to share what concerns them the most about potential disasters. Take this opportunity to let us know what concerns you before, during, or after a disaster!



Take the survey:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityofLosAngelesLHMPSurvey

The Great Shift to An eNewsletter!



We are now able to deliver the newsletter direct to your email inbox. With the rising cost of printing the hard copy, we are asking **ONLY** those interested in receiving the paper copy to respond.

If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter in it's printed form, please contact your block captain by **April 30th** so that we may add you to the print list. Our funds will not support the current number of copies unless we increase the membership dues, so we are trying to be thoughtful about how many are printed.

Hearts & Flowers

We are sending our thoughts and concerns for all those neighbors in need now.

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.

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: \$15.00

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