

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, January 9, 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,

Happy New Year! As the new year dawns, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a very happy new year!

The new year is always a time full of promise and new beginnings for so many. We at Neighbors United were fortunate enough to end 2016 on a high note. We were celebrated the end of the year with many of our neighbors at the Neighbors United Holiday Party at the December Meeting, and while it's always wonderful to celebrate all together -- it was even more exciting to have so many new faces in attendance!

I'd like to thank a few people in particular for making the holiday party so spectacular; Fern Paillet - who coordinated all of the delicious food, as well as the many neighbors who contributed, Julie and Julian- some of our newest neighbors living in The Faircrest who contributed the beautiful and festive decorations, and Officer Thomas who came in on his day off to celebrate with us.

In the spirit of the new year, I encourage all of our neighbors who have lived here for a while but have not come to a meeting lately to come and get involved! Additionally, for those of you who are new to the neighborhood we welcome you to the meetings as well- they're a great way to meet your new neighbors and get involved as well. We need all of your help, neighbors new and old, to help to maintain the great quality of life in Faircrest Heights.

We'll see you on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Anderson
President

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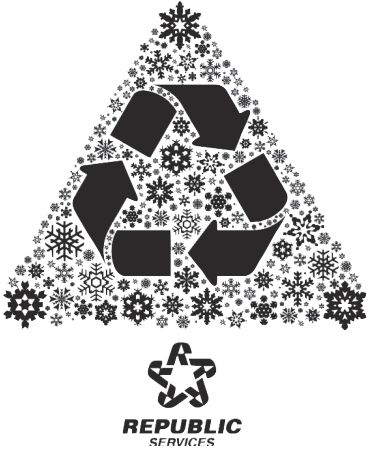
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LAPD Numbers

- Emergency911
- Non-Emergency311877.275.5273
.....or (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station213.473.0476
Senior Lead Officer Adam Green
North of 18th Street213.793.0647
- Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas
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.

How Should You Recycle Your Tree?



As the holidays are drawing to a close, many of you may be beginning the arduous task of taking down lights and stowing away decorations... And wondering what should be done with your tree. Never fear, for you can consider us your one stop shop for information.

LA Sanitation has curbside collection for Christmas trees. If your Christmas tree is too big to cut and place inside the green waste bin, simply place the tree next to your green waste bin on collection day.

Recycle your Christmas tree in the green bin:

1. **REMOVE** all ornaments, decorations, tinsels and stand from the tree.
2. **CUT** the tree pieces before putting them inside the green bin for regular pick-up on collection day.
3. **PLACE** the tree pieces inside the green bin.

Collected Christmas trees will be recycled into compost and mulch that is available to residents for free.

In addition, holiday wrapping paper, cartons, cardboard, Styrofoam® and other expanded polystyrene products, plastics and gift boxes are also recyclable and should be placed in the blue bin. However, it is illegal to place household hazardous waste, such as electronics (i.e. televisions and computers) and batteries into the collection bins. Please take those items to one of seven S.A.F.E. Centers for safe disposal and recycling.

Additionally, trees can also be dropped off on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at six Recreation and Park locations from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are also select Fire Station locations will accept Christmas trees until mid-January. Holiday wrapping and packaging materials will not be accepted. Please remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and the stand from the tree prior to dropping it off.

For a full listing of drop off or mulching locations, feel free to visit piconc.com, or please call LA Sanitation's 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489 with any questions.

New Year, New Volunteer, New Newsletter

Welcome to 2017! This message comes to you from your *new* Newsletter editor. Allow me to introduce myself to you, I am Allie Cormier and I'm a member of the 1900 block of Stearns (if you choose to come to a Neighbors United meeting, you'll know that this is the appropriate way to introduce yourself to your neighbors) as of October 2016.

I have taken on the role of newsletter from Sue Beidleman, who has done a truly magnificent job and I shudder to think of the shoes I will need to fill- but onward we march!

I would also like to give a hearty THANK YOU to all the neighbors who have made such an effort to stop by and introduce themselves to us. I cannot tell you how much it means to us (my husband and son being the other new neighbors in the household) to now be part of such a wonderful neighborhood. As a native to Los Angeles, I've driven past this area countless times over the years, and indeed spent many an afternoon just across Venice at a friends house throughout my high school years, and never imagined that our search for our home would lead us to this neighborhood.

Since moving in we have felt such a sense of community, which I'm sure you all feel since the main reason behind that community- is all of you! When we decided to attend the December holiday party we saw it as an opportunity to get to formally meet more of the neighbors than the few who came trick-or-treating with little princesses, goblins and of course- big smiles.

The NU meeting was fantastic. It was the perfect opportunity for us to get to meet the neighbors who strive to make the community into the warm and welcoming environment it is. Between the ambiance at the rec center, the holiday food and music in the air, and the laughter as a result of charades and impromptu stand up-- we really felt welcomed. So welcomed that when the call came for volunteers I stepped up.

Why did I volunteer when I barely know this neighborhood? Because what better way to get involved with the community that to immerse myself in it? To that end, to those of you who haven't been in attendance at the meetings -I get it! Schedules are tough to work around. But consider setting aside some time in the upcoming months to come to a meeting and get to know your neighbors!



Cold & Flu Season is Still in Full Effect

It's still that time of year. Where sneezing, coughing, aching, feeling-oh-so-lousy seems to be the general consensus among friends. With a couple of months still remaining in the season, it's not too late to get a flu vaccination.

For many, flu shots are available at no charge at CVS, Rite Aid, or if you are a member, Kaiser Permanente.



Don't Get Caught Driving and Holding your Cell Phone



Effective Sunday, January 1, 2017 there are some new California laws you'll need to know about - or be prepared to pay a ticket.

One of the new laws targets a loophole for those using their phone while driving. Drivers could claim they were using their GPS to fight a ticket for using their mobile devices while driving.

Not anymore.

"People were holding it in their hands using their GPS. So this new law is going to eliminate that all together and now you have to have it mounted," Officer Juan Galvan with California Highway Patrol explained.

The mount must be to the dashboard or placed in one of two positions on the windshield: in the lower right corner or lower left corner.

Drivers may only use one finger to tap or swipe the screen.

The new rule also keeps drivers from mounting or hanging their phones in the center of the windshield. "It cannot obstruct your clear view of the windshield," Galvan said.

Also A revision to child safety seat laws will require children to stay in rear-facing car seats in the backseat until the age of 2. "Unless they are 40 inches tall or over 40 pounds before their second birthday then they can face forward, until then up to when they're 2 years old they have to face rear facing," Galvan said.

PICO Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting

- Wednesday, January 11, 2017
- 7:00pm 9:00pm
- Claude Pepper Senior Center

The Agenda is published within 72 hours of meeting. Go to piconc.com for a copy.

Stay Connected!

This newsletter runs with your support, and with the transition to a new editor, your contributions are much appreciated!

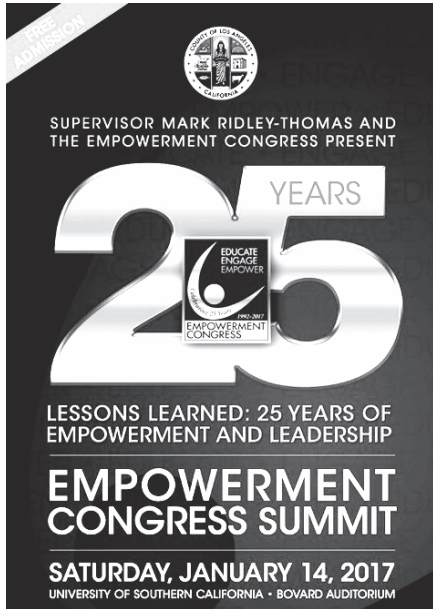
Please send any contributions to our new email address: NeighborsUnitedofFH@gmail.com



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Empowerment is for Everyone!



Learn how to better empower yourself and our community at the **25th Annual Empowerment Congress**, a **FREE** one-morning event with workshops on a wide range of important issues and successful strategies.

Founded in 1992 by then Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, the Empowerment Congress is a dynamic partnership among neighborhood groups, residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, religious institutions, and community leaders. The Empowerment Congress served as a model and precursor to the City of Los Angeles' Neighborhood Councils. It is now serving over 2 Million residents in the Los Angeles County 2nd Supervisorial District. For more information, or to register for this event, visit them online at empowermentcongress.org/ec25/summit/register/

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NU Rosters Are Available

Neighbors United Rosters for 2016-2017 will be distributed this month. The membership rosters are provided only to paid members and are not to be shared with anyone outside of Neighbors United. In addition, only paid members on your specific block will receive a roster of your block. Officers and block captains have a complete roster. The roster is particularly useful for emergency contacts.

For your convenience and for cost savings, the rosters will be provided by email to members whose email addresses we have. Otherwise a hard copy will be delivered. We are sorry for the delay in distribution. Dues paid in November and December 2016 will be credited for 2017.

Hearts & Flowers

Get well wishes to Connie Mah; Thelma Hilliard; Pam, Kim, and Joan Terry.

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 Helen Nelson, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-934-0752.



Officers & Committee Chairs

- PresidentLaura Anderson
- 1st Vice President.....Mary Ann Yurkonis
- 2nd Vice President.....Anne Davenport
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- (Acting) Recording SecretaryJulia Pilat
- Corresponding Secretary Sue Beidleman
- ParliamentarianFern Paillet
- Sergeant-At-ArmsYvonne Smith
- Newsletter EditorAllie Cormier
- Hearts & Flowers ChairHelen Nelson

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