

# NEIGHBORS UNITED



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Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,  
Monday, March 13, 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

Hello  
MARCH!

## 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 were privileged to have Nooshi join us, and answer our many questions. For those of you unable to attend we have the summation of her Q&A session on the inner pages. At our meeting on Monday, Ken Youn of New Line Design Architecture will join us to present information on a proposal to build a Small Lot Subdivision at 1444-1448 S Hi Point Street. Please join us to give input for the project and get answers to your questions and concerns.

As this is thought to be the lucky month, I look forward to seeing all of our neighbors who have lived here for a while but have not come to a meeting lately this Monday the 13th! It is sure to be a celebration as we bid farewell to our Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas. As many of you know, these past months have brought up the zoning issues of our neighborhood. In case you missed it in your inbox, there is a detailed write up of all of the hard work your neighbors have done - and the final outcome! 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, March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Anderson  
President

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### Agenda

- Small Lot Subdivision at 1444-1448 S. Hi Point
- R1R3-RG Zoning Update
- PICO NC Update
- 10th District Update
- Meet the new Senior Lead Officer
- Goodbye to SLO Thomas

### LAPD Numbers

- Emergency .....911
- Non-Emergency .....311877.275.5273  
.....or (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station .....213.473.0476
- Senior Lead Officer Adam Green  
North of 18th Street .....213.793.0647
- Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas  
South of 18th Street .....213.793.0786
- 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 Nooshi Naderi for taking the time to answer our questions and concerns. For those of you unable to attend the meeting we have a summary of the Q&A below. For those of you who don't know, Nooshi is the Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's office.

- **Regarding the Homeless Situation**

The short answer is that the situation is evolving. The city is working with outreach agencies, but many of the resources are lacking and housing is unavailable. Many of the shelters are dangerous and families are harder to place. There is a focus on the criminal aspect of homelessness that the LAPD is trying to address. Even when the resources are available, many do not want help. There is new money coming in from the Mayor's office, but the priority will go to housing before cleanup. If there is a problem, please contact your Senior Lead Officer. Liz Carlin is our 10<sup>th</sup> District Field Deputy.

- **Pan handlers have been more aggressive - what can we do?** Contact Nooshi's office and they will look at criminal aspect.
- **Is there anything that can be done about Stearns & Pico?** His name is Mr. Roberts, has an encampment. He's a veteran. Social Services has gone out multiple times but he isn't interested in services. It's a work in progress.
- **At the Venice underpass - people drop off furniture...** Bulky items are illegal. Call to report it 311.
- **Aware of new city ordinance around street vendors selling in commercial areas. Does it include residential streets?** It hasn't passed. Working on a permitting process. Focuses on quality of street vendors over quantity. Councilmen are torn over the issue.
- **Body shop on Pico & Hayworth - parking on sidewalk. What can be done?** Checking on Permits to see if they have them and where they are instructed to park.
- **Do catering trucks have to get inspected like restaurants?** Yes - from the county.
- **Crescent Heights on 1600 block.... two blocks for parking. Can we get permits?** No overnight parking or permits via your Council Member. A lot of councilmen don't like permits because it just pushes traffic down the block.

Thank you all for your attendance and your thoughtful questions. Your attentiveness to our neighborhood

## Spring Fling Festival

Do you own a local business? Are you looking for more exposure in our neighborhood? Do you want to mingle with potential customers at a fun, community-building event? Then please participate in our first **SPRING FLING FESTIVAL!**

The best part is, we are not asking for money – just participation! Read on for details:

**P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council is hosting a festival at LACES Magnet School on Saturday May 6.**

There will be a ton of fun and artistic activities for kids. Free hot dogs and ice cream. Helpful info from school, government and non-profit organizations. Plus, booths showcasing area merchants. We'll be publicizing the event all across our neighborhood, which includes about 22,000 people living between La Brea & La Cienega, and Olympic & Venice.

There are two FREE ways for your business to join the fun and reap the benefits of this positive, community-building event:

- Set up a booth for your business at the event.
- Get a discount coupon from your business included in the Spring Fling Coupon Book.

Every participating business will receive a big, public thanks in our newsletter and on our website ([www.piconc.com](http://www.piconc.com)), which reaches hundreds of people every month.

### **Why are we doing this?**

P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council is an all-volunteer organization of neighbors, business owners, educators and non-profit leaders empowered by the City of LA to make our community stronger. We spend a lot of time keeping people informed about important issues. With the Spring Fling, we want to give folks a chance to get out of their homes and get to know the people who make our community a great place to live and do business.



### Key Deadlines

- **MARCH 15TH:** WE MUST RECEIVE COUPON BOOK OFFERS.
- **MARCH 27TH:** Merchant booth commitments must be finalized.
- **MAY 6TH:** SPRING FLING from NOON to 3PM at LACES Magnet School: 5931 W. 18th Street, LA 90035

Please call Laura Anderson (323) 646-6569 or email us at [SpringFling@piconc.com](mailto:SpringFling@piconc.com) to reserve your spot today!

**R-1 properties in Faircrest Heights  
Get New "R1R3-RG" Single Family Zone**



**Example of home allowed by former R1 zone.** House oversized for lot, impeding on neighbors' light, air, space, privacy. Attached garage doesn't count toward maximum square footage of building.



**Example of home allowed by new R1R3-RG zone** Rear garage creates buffer between homes. Sensible floor area guidelines prevent mansionization while allowing flexibility for additions, remodels, new construction.

Responding to constituents' requests for protection from mansionization and for preservation of neighborhood character, the Planning Dept. proposed—and the City Council approved for Faircrest Heights on March 8 – a new single family zone called R1R3-RG, which sets the maximum floor area ratios based on lot size and calls for new second stories to be located toward the rear of the house and new garages to be at the rear of the property. A few unusually shallow lots were zoned R1V3-RG, which allows the second story to be at any location above the first. These zones respond to our residents' desire to limit the current mansionization while offering flexibility for additions, remodels and new construction.

If you would like more information on this, please visit [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-1460\\_misc\\_02-10-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-1460_misc_02-10-2017.pdf), and see sections related to "R1 Rear Mass Variation Zones" (R1R3) and "RG."

The adoption of these new single family zones is the culmination of more than three years of community engagement. Nearly 550 residents from more than 400 households signed petitions in support of these zones, signaling strong community consensus for pro-

tecting neighborhood character, scale, affordability, history, cohesion, and quality of life. We are grateful to the numerous neighbors who also wrote emails; made calls to city staff; and attended workshops, meetings and hearings. We also appreciate the support from Council President Wesson and his staff, and in particular our field deputy, Liz Carlin. Lastly, we are forever indebted to the 'Faircrest Heights 10' (you know who you are) and to the 'fearsome threesome' who circulated petitions, made countless trips to City Hall, and shepherded us through this multi-year process. Thank you to all of the wonderful and generous neighbors who have given your support and your time to help make Faircrest Heights such a special place.



**Neighbors at City Hall, celebrating the March 8 City Council vote**

**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!



## A Sad Farewell to Our Senior Lead Officer Charles Thomas

Our Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Charles Thomas of LAPD's Wilshire Division is retiring at the end of this month. SLO Thomas represents the Faircrest Heights Community south of 18th Street, sharing information on crime and nuisance incidents. He was also open to answering neighbors' questions and investigating complaints. Along with SLO Green who covers the north side of 18th Street they have been a tremendous support to our greater Faircrest Heights community.

SLO Thomas will join us at our Neighbors United meeting next Monday evening and will introduce the new Wilshire SLO for our community. Please join us as we thank him for his service.

SLO Thomas invites us to attend his official Retirement with food and festivities on Wednesday March 29, 2017 at noon at Wilshire Police Station, 4861 W Venice Blvd 90019. There is a donation of \$25 per person. You may pay at the door. He hopes to see you there.

### Watch Your Water!

Many people have noticed a higher than usual water bill. The DWP has been doing remote meter reading at a lot of homes. You need to stay on top of it. The DWP hosts open houses to discuss billing issues on various Saturdays. More info is available online at [ladwp.com](http://ladwp.com)



### 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 **March 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 the Terrys of Crescent Heights who are facing health challenges. Helen Tye of Hayworth recently released from a hospital to a rehabilitation center. We send wishes for a swift recovery to Joan Jackson. We are also thinking of you, Patty Kennedy, Helen Crosby, Tamara Lewis and 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 Helen Nelson, our Hearts and Flowers chair, at 323-934-0752.**



## Officers & Committee Chairs

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President .....Laura Anderson  
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Hearts & Flowers Chair ....Helen Nelson

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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*