

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, February 12, 2018 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 February! As this month is known for being about love, we'd love to see many of you at the next meeting!

This month also celebrates Black History

Month and we have found a few local events that

you may enjoy - look for those in the newsletter!

We have quite a few speakers coming to share their news and information on the neighborhood and the best way to get the information is to be there! If you're curious about the upcoming topics, we have a few of them listed to the right in the agenda.

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. 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, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Anderson

President

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- Liz Carlin and SLO Estevez: On AirBnB
- SLO Green & Police Service Rep. from LAPD Communitons Division of Wilshire
- Broken sidewalks & diseased trees are being replaced along Stearns Drive
- LAPD Update
- 10th District Update

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.

Is Your Family Ready for an Emergency?



BE READY MAKE A PLAN

for devastating disaster. Is your family ready? In just 3 easy steps, you can be!

1. With your family or household members, discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
2. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and how you will work together as a team.
3. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible.

There are many resources available online to help you document your family plan online (for example, redcross.org has premade templates and tips for creating your template in both English and Spanish!) You should also consider having an Emergency Preparedness Kit in your home. Being prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies you may need in the event of an emergency or disaster. Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate. When you and your family's safety is at stake, you want to be prepared!

Loop Hole in Car Break-In Law

Wilshire Auto Detectives are reminding residents to lock their doors and not to keep valuables in their cars. As detailed in this news story from the San Francisco Chronicle, legislators are attempting to change a loophole in the law that makes it more difficult to charge burglary from motor vehicle suspects unless police and prosecutors can prove the car doors were locked. Though this quirk in the penal code only accounts for a tiny percentage of cases, suspects will cling to any defense they can find to escape punishment for their crimes.



"The best way to prevent this altogether is not to leave anything valuable in the car," said Detective Sal Loera, Wilshire's auto coordinator. "But if you have to do it, make sure your things are out of sight and your doors are locked, your windows are up and your trunk is secure. Don't give these guys any chance to get your stuff—or to get away." For more, please read this article at <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/California-Sen-Wiener-tries-to-shut-odd-loophole-12516387.php?t=a294ee6834>.

Like a Good Neighbor...



If you have a new neighbor on your block, remember that they too may be interested in Neighbors United! Feel free to pass along the newsletter, or to give them our email address so they may be added to the roster!

Neighborhood Traffic Jams

The La Cienega Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project makes your sewers more reliable. This improvement project includes removal, repair and rehabilitation of sewer pipelines to address deterioration.



Traffic Impacts During Construction

- Work will occur in Whitworth Drive at the La Cienega Boulevard intersection
- Through-traffic from Whitworth Drive across La Cienega Boulevard in both eastbound and westbound directions will be prohibited
- Right and left turns onto La Cienega Boulevard from eastbound Whitworth Drive will be allowed
- Right and left turns onto La Cienega Boulevard from westbound Whitworth Drive will be prohibited
- Local access allowed on Whitworth Drive up to La Cienega Boulevard in both directions

Before and after work hours, the work area will be covered with steel plates and all lanes will open to normal traffic operation.

Where will work occur?

Whitworth Drive at La Cienega Boulevard

When is the work scheduled?

January 29 to February 16, 2018

Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Background: This improvement project is part of LA Sanitation's Clean Water Program to repair and rehabilitate the City's aging 6500 mile long sewer system. So plan ahead and make sure to leave yourself extra travel time!

"Vision Zero" is Coming to Our Community

Every year, more than 200 people are killed while trying to move through our city. Nearly half of these people are walking or bicycling, and an alarming number of them are children and older adults. In fact, traffic collisions are a leading cause of death for children in Los Angeles.



Vision Zero Los Angeles is our city's commitment to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2025. This ambitious goal is starting to unfold all across LA, including two nearby boulevards; La Brea Avenue between Pico and Adams, and on Pico Blvd between La Cienega and Robertson.

Free Trees for City of Los Angeles Residents!



City Plants organization is delivering free trees! Did you know that if you live or own property within the City of Los Angeles, you are eligible to receive up to seven free shade trees from City Plants? If you qualify, our partner the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, will deliver them to your home along with stakes, ties, and fertilizer pellets. Enjoy planting them with your family! If you live or own property in the City of LA, you are eligible to receive free trees from City Plants. Visit www.cityplants.org and click "Free Trees" to apply for your free shade trees, parkway trees, and/or trees for your business. You must be resident of the City of Los Angeles or own property within the City to be eligible to take home a tree. Verification will be

required (ID/Driver's License or copy of a DWP utility bill). Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Limit one adopted tree per property address.

Is Your Membership Up to Date?

The membership drive is happening now! If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time! For those of you interested in paying your dues electronically, we will be getting a PayPal account set up for your convenience. Please send a check or cash, please clip the Membership Form below and give both to your block captain, or pop it in the mail! Remember that your dues allow us to continue making this neighborhood as amazing as it is!

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

Local Art & Poetry

You are cordially invited to the first exhibition in partnership with Little Ethiopia & Pico Great Street Collaborative. The exhibition will focus on local artists and poets. It will be simultaneously displayed in the four kiosks along Pico Blvd and at the Little Ethiopia Cultural and Resource Center for the month of February. The reception will happen during the 1st Thursday Art Walk in Little Ethiopia where the written poems and artworks will be displayed outdoors on easels along Little Ethiopia's Fairfax Avenue. If you are interested in being a part of it, there is a deadline of February 17th.



Reception Details:

Time: Thursday March 1st, 2018 6:00-8:00pm as part of the 1st Thursday Art walk in Little Ethiopia

Location: Little Ethiopia Cultural & Resource Center

Address: 1037 South Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019

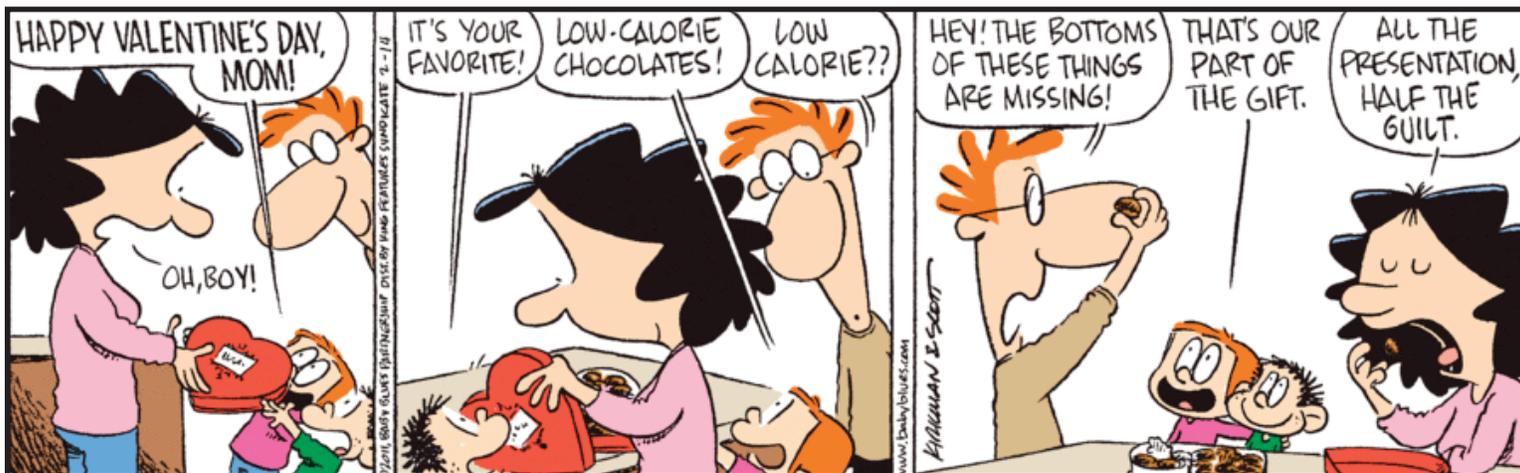
Any e-mail or application relating to this project needs to be addressed to picoforward@gmail.com

New Year, New Neighbors United!



We wanted to let you know that we are in the process of updating on all fronts! We are finalizing a PayPal account for the neighborhood so that you will be able to pay your dues online or by mobile (yay!), and we are currently building a new (and improved) Faircrest Heights neighborhood website to keep you in the know! We'll update you as soon as both of these items are finalized!

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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.

Celebrate Black History Month

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is known not only of being the month of love, but also for Black History Month. Being in a richly diverse neighborhood (and city!) means that we have many opportunities to use the month to remember the important contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our nation's history. The celebration can be felt nationally and worldwide as many organizations, cities, states and countries host events that educate on the rich culture, and memorable figures of African American history. For your convenience, we have a few local events listed below - we hope you are able to attend a few!

Located at Exposition Park in Downtown L.A., the **California African American Museum (CAAM)** exists to research, collect, preserve and interpret the history, art and culture of African Americans. The museum's permanent collection houses 4,000 objects that span landscape painting and portraiture, modern and contemporary art, historical objects and print materials, and mixed-media artworks.

Feb. 16 - "Curatorial Walkthrough: How Sweet the Sound"

Feb. 18 - "Salon & Performance by Maurice Harris"

Feb. 25 - A panel with featured artists from Circles and Circuits I on the exhibit's closing day and "Screening & Panel: Jewel's Catch One."

Even our libraries are joining in! Numerous branches of the Los Angeles Public Library are hosting events for African American Heritage Month, including movie screenings, family storytime, arts and crafts, and panel discussions. Visit your local library for more information.

The list of events goes on and on... For more information on local events in the area, visit <https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/blog/black-history-month-events-los-angeles>. You'll certainly be glad you did!



Just for Fun:

What do you call a very small valentine? **A Valen-TINY!**

What did the toast say to the butter on Valentine's Day?

You're my butter half!

Hearts & Flowers

We are sending our thoughts and concerns for all those neighbors in need now, including Mrs. Athalia Bridges, a long standing member of NU as she deals with her recent loss. We are also sending our warm wishes to Earnestine Winston, a resident of FH for over 50 years. We are also thinking of Thelma Hilliard of Crescent Heights, Patty Kennedy of Stearns Drive this month.



Please keep in touch with neighbors who are ill, hospitalized, confined to their homes or bereaved. Give them a call or a visit!

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

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.