

NEIGHBORS UNITED



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**Please join us at our next Neighbors United Holiday Party,
Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm**

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 10th 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 Monday, 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 S. Hayworth) and we will donate them to our local food bank Sova this year. The LAST day for donations is December 12th, 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 or drop it by my house before the 12th!

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

Laura Anderson

President

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LAPD Numbers

- Emergency911
- Non-Emergency311
.....877.275.5273 or (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Non-Emergency Dispatch213.928.8223
- 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.

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 event is also a potluck, and Joan Anderson has graciously volunteered to help with organizing it! The suggested menu is chicken, ham, potato salad, green salad, fruit, vegetable platters, and dessert. **Please contact Mary Ann Yurkonis at 323-933-5294 to let her know what food item you will be bringing. For more information, please contact Laura Anderson at 323-646-6569.**

Election Time!

While November has passed, this month brings our own special election! At our holiday party we will be holding voting on the 2019 Board & Officers. Joining the board is a wonderful way to be involved in your community and to get to know your neighbors. As the newsletter editor, I've so enjoyed my time on the board and the deep sense of community that comes with involvement. Sadly, my time constraints have changed drastically and I will no longer be able to do the newsletter, so my board position (as well as many others) will be available! If you have considered joining the board before, now is the time to take action!



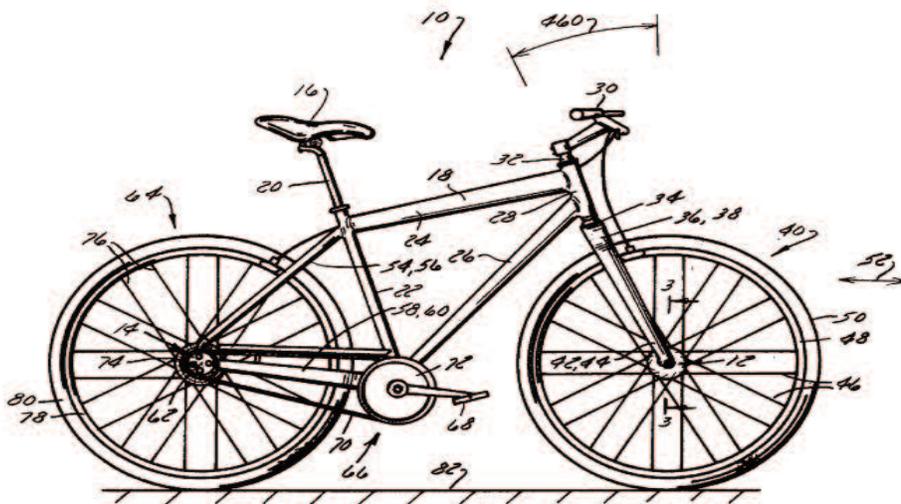
We're very excited for our NEW website:

<http://faircrestheightsnews.com> We're also very excited to introduce PayPal dues processing on the website, so you'll never have to find a check again! Check it out!

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERB WESSON

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 10

Help us build bikes for the community!



Come Share Your Holiday Spirit and Help Us Build Bikes for the Community!

We need your Hands and Tools to Assemble Bikes with Us

Bring Your Wrenches and/or Socket Sets: 10mm, 13mm, 14mm, 15mm

When: Monday - Friday
from 9:30am- 7:30pm
December 5-Until Finished
Location:

1819 S. Western Ave,
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Enter free Parking from Manhattan Place 1 block west of Western
jamie.hwang@lacity.org,
323-733-8233

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 2 and ends on December 10.

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!



MI Holiday Celebration



Please join

NEIGHBORS UNITED

Monday, December 10, 2017

Claude Pepper Senior Center

1762 La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90034

This is a family celebration. Members are encouraged to bring children!

Come and enjoy an evening of games, stories, food, music, and dancing.

Celebrate with old friends and meet new friends. Choose from the suggested menu or bring your favorite dish. Contact Mary Ann Yurkonis at (323) 933-5294 to let her know what food item you will be bringing.

Election of officers for the 2019 year will be held during the evening.

For further information, contact Laura Anderson a (323) 646- 6569.

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

We are sending our thoughts and concerns for all those neighbors in need now. Mrs. Leota Ann Gay of the 1800 block of Hayworth passed away in Nov. She and her family lived there for over 40 years. We are also thinking of Mrs. Cox in 1800 block of Fairfax, and Mrs. Tye in the 1400 block of Hayworth.

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

TreasurerEli Barak

(Acting) Recording SecretaryJulie Pilat

Corresponding SecretarySue 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: \$20.00**

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

If you prefer to pay electronically please visit our website and use our PayPal.