

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles January 2019 Issue No. 1

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Boulevard.
Faircrest Heights, "One of the 10 Best Neighborhoods You've Never Heard Of..." *Los Angeles Magazine***



President's Corner By Laura Anderson

Hello Neighbors,

We're off to a great start for 2019. I just want to pause to say THANK YOU to our officers, block captains and committee members who served this past term to make Neighbors United the success that it is. Thank you also to Allie Cormier who was our newsletter editor until great family news took away her time to do the newsletter. Congratulations, Allie.

We had a great holiday party. Neighbors shared interesting holiday memories, met new neighbors and reconnected with folks we had not seen for a while. The food was delicious and plentiful. Thanks to the planning committee led by Joan Anderson and Mary Ann Yurkonis.

Thanks to neighbors who brought canned goods and non-perishable food for our annual food drive. We hit a record this year with almost 1,000 lbs. of food donated. We had help from Reynier Village but the majority was our from community!! I was so overwhelmed with all the bags left on my porch and all the pickups. Neighbors might not be available for all of our meetings and events but they came through with donations. It took me two full car loads to deliver it all to Sova Community Food and Resource Program. Sova was amazed and grateful.

Our January guest speaker is Brad Holtzman of Top Value Construction, Inc. Top Value specializes in foundation bolting & bracing repair and replace foundations, hardscaping, and waterproofing. They provide free foundation inspections. Top Value is located nearby. Come and get information on improving and protecting your home.

I'm looking forward to a year of action for our community. I'll need your help to get the job done. Please come and share your ideas and expectations for 2019. Be ready to roll up your sleeves and work with me to get things done.

Welcome to our new neighbors. We know you will enjoy your new home and find your neighbors to be very friendly and helpful. We invite you to join us at our monthly meetings and get involved. **We'll see you on Monday, at 7 p.m.**

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- Brad Holtzman - Top Value Construction,
- What's on Your Mind (What do you want NU to do in 2019)?
- LAPD Update
- 10th District Update

LAPD Numbers

- Emergency 911
- Non-emergency 311 or 877-275-5273 (877-ASK-LAPD)
- Wilshire Station 213-473-0476
- Senior Lead Officer Adam Green 213-793-0647 (North of 18th Street)
- Senior Lead Officer Tim Estevez 213-793-0786 (South of 18th Street)
- Anonymous Tip Line 877-529-3855 (877-LAW-FULL)

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

Our New Neighbors United Officers and Chairs

President – Laura Anderson
1st Vice President – Mary Ann Yurkonis
2nd Vice President – Yvonne Smith
Treasurer – TBD
Corresponding Secretary – Sue Beidleman
Recording Secretary – Julie Pilat
Land use Chair – Traci Considine
Newsletter Editor – TBD
Hearts & Flowers Chair – Helen Nelson
and Lori Santos
PICO NC REP – TBD

Dispose of Your Christmas Trees Safely

The City of LA Bureau of Sanitation has CURBSIDE collection for Christmas trees. If your Christmas tree is too big to cut and place it inside the green waste bin, simply place the tree next to your green waste bin on collection day. Collected Christmas trees will be recycled into compost and mulch.

Residents of multifamily buildings are requested to place their Christmas trees at the curbside on the day of collection by the Bureau of Sanitation. Please remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsels, and stand from tree. Visit the City website at www.lacity.org for collection day information

Support the La Cienega Farmers' Market

The La Cienega Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Model Neighborhood Program, a community improvement 501 (C) 3 organization. We provide our community with farm fresh produce from Certified California Farmers along with some specialty food vendors. Our profits go back into our community by way of Farm to School Nutrition Programs and other community donations.

We are among the few farmers' markets that take credit cards, as well as CalFresh (EBT) and WIC vouchers. CalFresh benefit participants and customers who would like to you use their credit cards can find us at the market information booth in order to process their cards and receive wooden market tokens to use with market vendors. WIC vouchers can be used to pay farmers directly.

PICO Neighborhood Council Elections

P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council's 11 neighborhood seats are up for election in March 2019. Our Neighbors United Representative, Yvonne Smith, will be "termed out" at that time. We thank Yvonne for serving for eight years.

We were hoping to have someone from Neighbors United (NU) run for Yvonne's vacant seat. Good News! Michelle Warrick of Point View Street has thrown her hat into the ring. Michelle grew up in Faircrest Heights and attended our local schools. Her late father, Carlos Warrick, was active with NU, holding several offices and serving as a block captain for many years. Michelle recently volunteered to be the block captain for the 1900 block of Point View.

Michelle will be seeking your vote on March 31, 2019 at the Neighborhood Council Election. The election will be held at the Claude Pepper Center. Look for more information next month.

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 neighborhoods stronger. We encourage our neighbors to get involved and attend meetings to understand more about the broader issues facing our communities. Make Your Voice Heard!

ELECTION DAY: MARCH 31, 2019

Vote for Michelle Warrick



Website: www.lacienegafarmersmarket.com

Facebook: The La Cienega Farmers' Market

Instagram: [lacienegafarmersmkt](https://www.instagram.com/lacienegafarmersmkt)

Twitter: La Cienega Farmers

Be sure to thank Cynthia Ojeda, director of the La Cienega Farmers' Market, for MNP's continued support of Neighbors United the next time you go to get your veggies.



Hearts and Flowers

Our condolences to Earl West and family. His mother passed away recently. She celebrated her 100th birthday last month.

Also, we send condolences to the family of Rose Mallory of Stearns Drive, who passed away recently.

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 or Lori Santos, co-chair at 323-633-4935 or lsantosludwig@yahoo.com**

2019 Dues are Due

Our 2019 membership dues of \$20 are due and payable now. (Neighbors who are 80+ years old are exempt from dues; however, to receive the newsletter, you must complete a membership form and note that you are 80+. Your age will not be made public.)

Your dues cover the cost of renting our meeting place, post office box, printing newsletters, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses. Newsletters are available to all of our neighbors who have paid dues. The names of neighbors whose dues are paid will appear on our membership roster, which is developed for the sole benefit of our community.

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.

PayPal is available at <http://faircrestheightsnews.com> for neighbors who prefer to pay dues electronically.

Stay Connected: Our newsletter runs with your support. We welcome your article contributions and feedback. Please send any contributions to us at NeighborsUnited2@aol.com

A few things near us to look forward to in 2019

An Excerpt From L A Curbed, By [Alissa Walker@awalkerinLA](#) Jan 2, 2019,

SHARE 19 things to look forward to in 2019 **Metro's big bus plan.** Promising nothing less than a total overhaul of the region's bus network, Metro's [NextGen bus study](#) intends to make sweeping improvements needed to reverse [years of ridership declines](#). The 18-month study continues with [10 community meetings](#) during January and February, with some major changes to be rolled out by the end of the year.

The Music Center Plaza reopens. Essentially untouched since 1964, the sweeping midcentury plaza between the Mark Taper Forum and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion will complete its [\\$40 million renovation](#) by Rios Clementi Hale Studios this year, welcoming a restaurant and wine bar as well as more seating and much-needed public restrooms.

A new bridge over the LA River. Construction is already [underway](#) on a bridge over the LA River that will help pedestrians, cyclists, and horses get from Atwater Village to Griffith Park. (In the meantime, keep track of the ongoing [river path closures](#).) It's the first of three new pedestrian bridges planned for the river: An [Elysian Valley-Cypress Park](#) connection is also under construction; another will connect [Glendale to Griffith Park](#). The [Sixth Street Viaduct](#) connecting the Arts District to Boyle Heights will be open next year.

More affordable housing near transit. Over 9,000 units have been approved by the transit-oriented communities program, which [gives developers incentives](#) for building within a half-mile of transit stops, and 20 percent of those units are set aside for low-income families. And now there's the new approved [Expo Line plan](#), which allows builders to add more density near five light-rail stations, including a tiny upzoned triangle-shaped pocket of West LA. [It's no Minneapolis](#), but it's a start.

LA finally addressing its tree problem. It's no secret that [LA's tree canopy is in serious trouble](#). In December of 2018 the city released a "[first step](#)" plan for a badly needed urban forest management plan and posted an "[emergency](#)" job description for a citywide forest officer. City leaders are also paying more attention to the problem: 14 ficuses slated to be chopped down will be saved, [thanks to a hail-mary](#) from Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu, and city foresters are [demonstrating creative paving solutions](#) to keep mature trees while fixing sidewalks.

A film museum in an old department store. Set to open in 2019, a Renzo Piano-designed addition to the LACMA campus will host the [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences museum](#) in the former May building and a giant orb-like appendage.

More backyard cottages. Thanks to a [streamlined permitting process](#) and several local incentives, the city's planning department estimates that over 5,000 ADUs were permitted in 2018—at least 15 times as many as the year before. That could make for a significant number of units to hit the rental market this year.

Electric bikes. At the end of 2018, Jump's dockless electric bikes started to creep into city limits as part of [LA's new dockless permit system](#). Metro Bike also added a limited number of [electric bikes](#) to its system, and announced plans to expand bike share hubs into East Hollywood, Koreatown, Silver Lake, and Los Feliz. [Scooters are great](#), but e-bikes could be a game-changer for LA's hills and long distances.

Street vending for all. The [legalization of street vending](#) at the end of 2018 was a huge win for the sidewalk entrepreneurs who power the local economy. [Rules went into effect](#) January 1, and now the city will work to formalize the permitting and regulatory framework that will ensure LA's vending culture remains [vibrant, equitable, and widespread](#).

Makeovers for six major streets. The city's Complete Streets Program launched in 2018 with the announcement of a half-dozen [street redesign projects](#) meant to add safety features while reengineering the street to absorb stormwater and reflect heat. Most of the projects will be finished in the next 12 months, creating a model for how LA can future-proof its entire street network.

The almost-finished Crenshaw Line. Although it [won't open to the public now until 2020](#), the South LA line will officially be finished in December 2019. Plus this year will see all the final pieces being put into place, including [Destination Crenshaw](#), a stunning public art installation celebrating black culture which will run 1.3 miles along the route.

A heads up when the next earthquake is coming. The [earthquake early warning app](#) that Mayor Eric Garcetti has promised LA [just became available this week](#). And it's not a moment too soon, considering there's a [93 percent chance](#) that an earthquake as big—or bigger—than the deadly Northridge quake will strike Los Angeles by 2037.