

# NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10<sup>th</sup> District, Los Angeles February 2019 Issue No. 2

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,  
Monday, February 11, 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,

February already? Where does the time go?

Our 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. He was scheduled for January but he was involved in an auto accident enroute to the meeting.

We have had our share of rain so far. We need it so badly, but our hearts go out to all of the families who are being severely impacted by floods and mud slides during this season. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers. In addition, if there are opportunities to donate to local organizations that provide support to the families, please do so.

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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- Neighborhood Council Update
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Senior Lead Officer Tim Estevez 213-793-0786 (South of 18<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Anonymous Tip Line 877-529-3855 (877-LAW-FULL)

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



## February is American Heart Month

February is the month for lovers and matters of the heart. The American Heart Association reminds us in February to take care of our heart.

The annual celebration began in 1963 to encourage Americans to join the battle against heart disease. A presidential proclamation pays tribute each year to researchers, physicians, public health professionals and volunteers for their tireless efforts in preventing, treating and researching heart disease, which is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S.

It's a great time to commit to a healthy lifestyle and make small changes that can lead to a lifetime of heart health. Let's spread the word about preventing heart disease and living heart healthy lives.

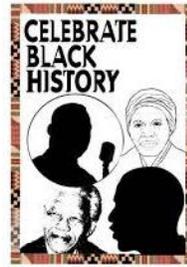
### PICO Neighborhood Council Elections

Michelle will be seeking your vote for Neighbors United Representative 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!**



### February is Black History Month

Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month in the U.S., is an annual observance when we learn about and/or remember the important contributions and achievements of

African Americans throughout our nation's history. Black History Month celebrations are held nationally and worldwide as many organizations, cities, states and countries (including Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom), and the United States host events that educate on the rich culture, and memorable figures of African American history.

There are numerous events and exhibits throughout the city for families during the month. Listed below are a few places to visit:

- The California African American Museum, located in Exposition Park, focuses on enrichment and education on the cultural heritage and history of African Americans with a focus on California and western United States. Admission is free to all visitors.
- The nation's largest black film festival is held at the Cinemark Theater at the Baldwin Hills-Crenshaw Plaza. From Feb. 7-18, more than 170 films from 40 countries in 26 languages will be screened at the Pan African Film & Arts Festival, all focused on exploring narratives that increase cultural awareness and bridge diverse communities from the African diaspora. The festival's ArtFest will feature an eclectic mix of paintings, sculptures, fashion, jewelry and African artifacts.
- Several 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.
- Visit the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) website for a listing of Black History Month events throughout the City:  
<https://culturela.org/events/category/african-american-heritage-month/>

**Martin Cadillac**

Many neighbors have asked about the status of Martin Cadillac’s (Martin) plan to open its service department at 1830 South La Cienega Boulevard. As you may recall, last March, neighbors voted to approve Martin’s plan. Subsequent to this Martin representatives met with our neighbors to discuss a Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO) that was applied to this area by the City Zoning Administration. The CPIO does not allow for more than one auto body repair facility within 1,000 feet of another. This was not disclosed prior to our giving support.

Martin representatives returned to our September meeting to revisit the issue so neighbors would have an opportunity to support or deny a waiver. Many neighbors were opposed to the waiver. We have recently learned that the City denied the waiver.

**Editor’s Note: Audi has a large repair facility on Fairfax and Electric Drive and are now storing cars at this location. Graffiti and weeds have taken over the area. It looks horrible for our community. New Audis are delivered to 1862 S La Cienega Boulevard for processing and are also apparently stored at 1830.**

**Please call Sales Manager Sean Waller and let him know of your concerns about this eyesore in our community.**

**Officers & Committee Chairs**

- President .....Laura Anderson
- 1st Vice President.....Mary Ann Yurkonis
- 2nd Vice President.....Yvonne Smith
- Treasurer .....Vacant
- (Acting) Recording Secretary .....Julie Pilat
- Corresponding Secretary.....Sue Beidleman
- Parliamentarian .....Vincent King
- (Acting) Newsletter Editor.....Sue Beidleman
- Hearts & Flowers Chair .....Helen Nelson
- (Co-Hearts and Flowers Chair.....Lori Santos

*If you are interested in becoming a block captain or taking an active role - please join us at the meeting this coming Monday*

**What to do about Nuisance Properties**

Since the early 1990’s, the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) has increasingly used its authority to mitigate and abate nuisance activity. City Council created the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP) in late 1990’s in response to greater demand for services.

The CNAP agencies-DCP, City Attorney (Safe Neighborhoods), Los Angeles Police Dept. (LAPD), and the Dept. of Building and Safety (LADBS)-partner together w/ the community to mitigate or eliminate nuisance activities.

Nuisance activity:

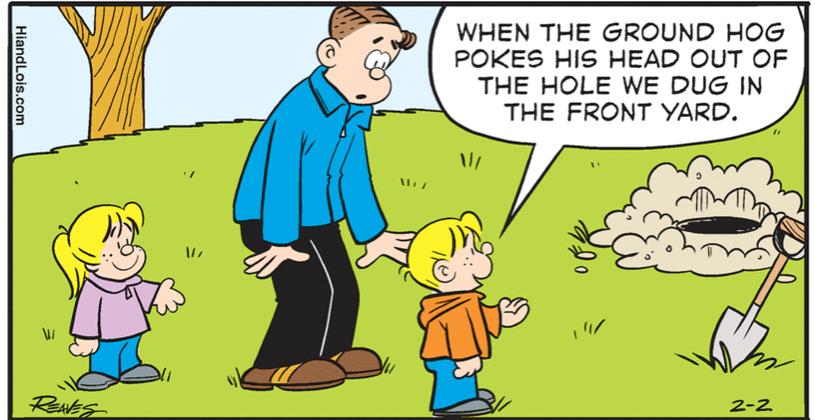
- Jeopardizes or adversely affects the public health, peace and safety of persons residing or working on the premises or the surrounding area.
- Has resulted in repeated nuisance activities thereby creating undue demand on public services.
- Adversely impacts nearby uses.
- Violates City, State, or Federal
- Violates any condition imposed by a prior discretionary land use approval.

DCP staff and CNAP agency review and investigate allegations, and provide recommendations to Chief Zoning Administrator, who then determines if there is sufficient merit to set the matter for Public Hearing. Zoning Administration will impose conditions to mitigate the impact or eliminate the problem(s) of the land-use creating the nuisance. • Continued disregard or evasion of imposed conditions by business operator/property owner will result in further review and additional enforcement measures leading to possible discontinuance of the use.

What Should Neighbors Do About Nuisances?

Call the non-emergency line – 311 or 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) to report activities Report nuisance activities to LAPD Senior Lead Officer Adam Green - 213-793-0647 (North of 18th Street) or Senior Lead Officer Tim Estevez - 213-793-0786 (South of 18th Street).

**Making a record of activity is critical for possible abatement activity. In order to move forward with any sort of case, there needs to be evidence of violations (i.e., police reports, etc.).**



**Hearts and Flowers**

Our condolences to the Patterson family of Hi Point in the loss of their loved one.

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.*

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