

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles September 2019 Issue No. 9

Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,

Monday, September 9, 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 back! Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9. We'll return refreshed and ready to take on new and important issues.

Our Guest speaker is Jenna Monterrosa who will speak to us on the hot topic of Short term Rentals (Airbnbs). Ms. Monterrosa is a Council Liaison, External Affairs for the LA Department of City Planning.

Happy Birthday, Joan Jackson. She celebrated her 88th on last week.

Quick update on Martin Cadillac: some of you might recall that Martin Cadillac had planned to move their service center to our area (1830 La Cienega) when their former location at Olympic and Bundy was slated for redevelopment as a major complex called Martin Expo Town Center (with new shops, a grocery store, 516 apartments, and a 10-story office tower about a block away from an Expo Line station). Zoning requirements (limiting auto-related businesses on that stretch of La Cienega) would have required a variance – and as community sentiment was mixed, Martin Cadillac subsequently explored other locations and recently opened at 8767 Wilshire Blvd, at the corner of Wilshire and Robertson Boulevards. It is now called Cadillac of Beverly Hills.

Our friends at the La Cienega Farmers Market have informed us that they are looking for a new location. The Farmers Market has been a community asset at La Cienega and 18th for nearly 30 years, bringing healthy fruits, vegetables and other delicious foods to an area with few alternatives. Without a new location close by, the Farmers Market will close by the end of this year. If you know of a reasonable location, please let us know so we can save this vital resource. In the meantime, please continue to support our friends at La Cienega Farmers Market.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, September 9 at 7 pm.

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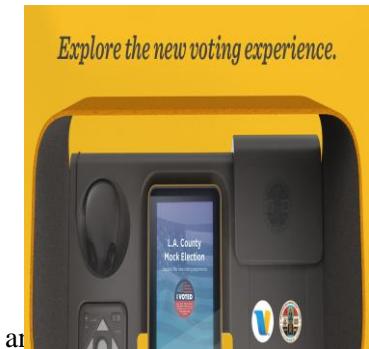
- Airbnbs -What you Need to Know
Speaker: Jena Monterrosa
- LAPD Update
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LAPD Numbers

- 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.

L.A. County Mock Election



A big change is coming to voting in L.A. County. The office of LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is partnering with 50 locations across the County and inviting everyone to experience the new voting system, Voting Solutions for All People. They're holding several voting events and keeping it light and fun, no real contests from past or future elections. You will vote on things like your favorite sports team, park or music venue! You will use the new ballot marking device

Select locations will have live DJs, surprise celebrities, food trucks and chances to win L.A. experiences such as: tickets to professional sports games, amusement parks, celebrity meet and greets and a whole lot more! If you're 10 years old or 110 years old, election.

Save the Date September 28-29 from 10 AM to 4 PM

Mock Election Vote Center Locations - Open 10:00 Am – 4:00 Pm

Culver City City Hall Santa
9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

Monica College
1510 Pico Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

More information at: LAVote.net/Mock-Election

A New Look in Faircrest Heights and Beyond;



A new small lot subdivision is planned for the southwest corner of Fairfax and Saturn. According to UrbanizeLA, citing a presentation given last month at the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council's Land Use Committee, a 1940s triplex would be replaced. The new project would consist of four single family homes, approximately 1,900-square-foot floor plans featuring three stories in height, three bedrooms, two-car garages, and private roof decks.

A block south on Pickford Street a new four-story 45-unit apartment complex is under construction.

A new development at 5050 W. Pico Boulevard, will consist of a six-story building featuring 79 apartments, 2,121 square feet of ground-floor retail space, and a semi-subterranean parking structure with 67 vehicle spaces. It will also include two rooftop decks, a resident lounge, and a mix of studio and one-bedroom apartments, averaging 601 square feet in size. Eight apartments will be priced for lower-income renters in exchange for Transit Oriented Communities incentives.



Several similar projects are planned or underway along the Mid-City stretch of Pico Boulevard, including a 61-unit condo project now rising just east of Fairfax Avenue.

There's more to come.

To keep track of the major development in our community, plan to attend the PICO Neighborhood Council Land Use meetings. The meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Claude Pepper Senior center at 7 p.m.



The Cumulus is Not Alone

The Cumulus is the 30-story high-rise building at La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards. Right now it looks lonely standing in a low-rise area. However, in the not-too-distant future, it will have company. An application is being considered by the Planning Department for a 22-story commercial building with 4 levels of subterranean parking at 5860 West Jefferson Boulevard. That is behind Target on La Cienega.

The application is requesting an amendment for building and floor height. A zoning administrator's determination regarding transitional height to exceed height limit of 61 feet within 100 to 199 feet of an OS zone (Open Space--Parks and Recreation Facilities), and for an addition of over 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor area.

No doubt there will be other high rise buildings along La Cienega and Jefferson because they are in a Transit Oriented Community and are adjacent to the Expo Line.

Who Knew?

While visiting the California African American Museum (CAAM) recently, our neighbor and founder of Neighbors United, Marguerite Strain, stopped to read about an interesting exhibit. Something immediately caught her eye. "The Liberator was an early 20th century newspaper that documented the emerging African American population in Los Angeles. Founded in 1900 by Jefferson Lewis Edmonds, a former slave, who advocated for improved social and economic conditions for black men and women, the publication reported on local, national and international news and provided a source of racial upliftment for over a decade." As The Liberator's editor, Edmonds portrayed Los Angeles as a city of hope for African Americans, particularly compared to the violence and hardship they experienced in the South and the paper contributed significantly to the city's rapidly increasing black population. Yet Edmonds also used it as a vehicle to denounce injustices both locally and nationally.

As it turns out, Jefferson Lewis Edmonds was the great grandfather of our former Neighbors United President, the late Chase Edmonds of Point View. Chase was a "chip off the old block." He was an outstanding educator, administrator and true leader in our community and beyond. He and his wife, Mary (who still lives in the community) raised their family here. They moved to the neighborhood more than 50 years ago.

Proudly, their children and grandchildren are keeping the family history alive. Granddaughter, Arianne Edmonds, is Founder of the J.L. Edmonds Project and helped to make this exhibit possible. The exhibit opened on March 20, but will close on September 8.

Share your Thoughts about Faircrest Heights

Want to share your thoughts about our neighborhood? We invite you to write an essay or article to be included in the NU newsletter telling us about your views, about an experience you had since moving here, or what you'd like to see in your community. Please submit your article to neighborsunited2@aol.com no later than the first Saturday of the month. We'll include it—space permitting—that month or shortly thereafter.

We welcome our new neighbors and invite you to come and get involved. We need your ideas, your skills and resources to help us to maintain a great quality of life in our community.

Hearts and Flowers

Our condolences to the family of Melba Brown who passed away recently. Get well wishes to Helen Tye. Thinking of you Charles and Patsy Kennedy, The Terrys, Mary Edmonds, Sandy Moody, Sylvia Bialick, the Millers and neighbors we haven't seen for a while.

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 our Hearts and Flowers Chair, Helen Nelson, at 323-934-0752, your block captain or email us at neighborsunited2@aol.com**

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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LOS ANGELES, CA. 90035

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NO REFUND

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