

NEIGHBORS UNITED



Faircrest Heights' Neighborhood Organization Since 1981 10th District, Los Angeles March 2020 Issue No. 3

**Please join us at our next Neighbors United meeting,
Monday, March 9, 2020 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 quickly approaching spring time. Can you believe it is already time to "Spring Forward?" This coming Sunday, March 8 is the beginning of Daylight-Saving Time. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night. The time change is not observed by Hawaii, most of Arizona, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

The Los Angeles Marathon 2020 will be held this coming Sunday, March 8. The route is from Dodger Stadium to the Sea finishing just steps from the Santa Monica Pier. Several years ago, the marathon actually came down Fairfax, Sawyer and Crescent Heights. It was exciting to see.

At our meeting next Monday, Jamila Veasley, MA, Director, Public Affairs and Brand Communications at Kaiser Permanente will join us to discuss the status of the Kaiser-owned houses on Crescent Heights, along with other news about Kaiser.

We will also have a discussion about repair of the gates in the alley between Crescent Heights and La Cienega. For more information, please see the article on page 2.

The US Census is coming. Please be sure to complete the information when you receive it. The best part is you can do it online, by phone or mail.

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 2020. 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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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.

Coronavirus (COVID 19) is in the Neighborhood

As most of us have heard and read by now, Governor Newsom, County Supervisor and Mayor Garcetti have announced a State of Emergency for the State, Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles because of recently diagnosed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **On Tuesday of this week, the second case of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County was confirmed by Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center. Kaiser confirmed they were “overseeing the care of a coronavirus patient who is home in self-isolation and being treated on an outpatient basis.” Kaiser is monitoring the patient.**

According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include cough, fever, and shortness of breath and may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Call ahead before you go to a doctor’s office or emergency room. Tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

CDC and medical professionals advise that you:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid hugging, hand-shaking, etc.;
- Wash your hands frequently and/or use antibacterial hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your face

Repair of Alley Gates



Neighbors United recently received a request to pay for repairs the gate at the alley on Guthrie between Crescent Heights and La Cienega Boulevards which was installed several years ago to prevent vagrancy and criminal activity in the alley.

In 1993 City Council approved a Nuisance Alley Conversion Pilot Project (expired) to provide funds to gate and permanently close alleys that have a history of attracting illegal dumping, criminal gang activity, drug dealing and prostitution. Neighbors living on Crescent Heights petitioned the City to have gates installed. Several neighbors had keys to the gates and had responsibility to close and open them daily. Some of the gates are now in disrepair and the neighbors with keys are no longer in the area.

The Nuisance Alley Conversion Project, ran into a few problems over time. According to the City, dozens of gated alleys were choked with weeds and trash because they were neglected by the neighbors responsible for their upkeep. We have been informed that the program no longer exists and repair for the gates is the responsibility of affected neighbors.

Because there are gates along the alley from Guthrie to Saturn, we need to discuss the need for the gates going forward, who is responsible for the repairs and who will be responsible for access to the alley. Should adjacent businesses have responsibility for the maintenance, upkeep and access? These and other issues will be discussed at the meeting on Monday.

United States Census 2020

The 24th **United States Census of 2020** -- National Census Day -- will be April 1, 2020. In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

- March 12 - 20: Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- March 30 - April 1: The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.
- April 1: Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
- April: Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.
- May - July: Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.
- December: The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.
- 2021
- March 31: By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

California is likely to lose a congressional seat for the first time in history after this year's Census, with the state's slowing growth rate. It will also shape presidential politics, as California loses one of its votes in the electoral college for elections in 2022 through 2030.

Dozens of federal programs use census data to help direct funding to state and local areas. Census results help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is allocated to states and communities each year for

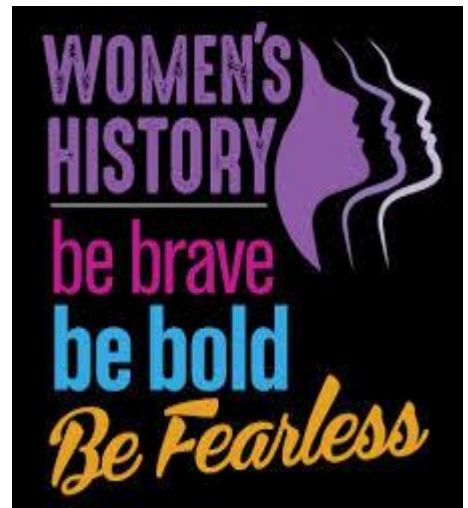


Did you Know That Cotton Grows on Trees? Now if we could just cultivate \$\$\$.

This tree is in our neighborhood.



We Honor all of our awesome Faircrest Heights Women



Hearts and Flowers

Our condolences to the following: Mary Ann Yurkonis and family in the loss of her uncle; Noreen Reine whose brother passed away; and the family of long-time resident, Mrs. Rosie Robbs who passed away recently.

Keeping in our thoughts and well-wishes: Helen Nelson, Joan Jackson, Sandy Moody, Charles and Patty Kennedy, Mary Edmonds, and all who we haven't seen lately.

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

2020 Dues are Due

Our 2020 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. You can pay your dues through PayPal, too.

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.*