

## HISTORICAL CORNER



We live in one of the oldest suburbs of Los Angeles which was within the original

boundaries of El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de Los Ángeles.

This is why Pico Union is filled with many historical homes, landmarks and hidden treasures that you may or may not be aware of. For example:

**1153 S. Valencia St:** Sinai Temple, the oldest synagogue in the City, was built in 1909 in our own neighborhood. It later became the Welsh Presbyterian Church. This church kept the beautiful Star of David stain glass windows. Today it is home to the Pico Union Project, a diverse house of prayer, and a center for community assistance.



Next time you walk around the neighborhood, take a closer look at the older homes, buildings, schools and churches. You will discover intricate architectural details. This is what makes our Pico Union area so distinct.

Photo: S. Bonnie Brae, 1910

## SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS IS BACK

**SEE YOU AT TOBERMAN PARK**  
1725 S. Toberman Street



7/7 to 8/11: **Basketball Games** on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6PM to 8PM.

8/11: **Grab and Go Food Distribution** from 6PM to 7PM on a first come first served basis.

Visit [www.lagryd.org/snl2021](http://www.lagryd.org/snl2021) or [www.laparks.org/recenter/toberman](http://www.laparks.org/recenter/toberman) for more details.

## HELLO NEIGHBORS WELCOME. . .

to our first community newsletter. My name is Aurora Corona, and I am your newly elected Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) member and Chairperson for the Quality of Life and Safety Committee.

PUNC invites you to attend the council meetings and to voice your public comments. Currently, the PUNC General Board meetings are held virtually via Zoom at 6:30 pm on the first Monday of the month (with the exception of holidays). For further information on the role of your Neighborhood Council and to attend meetings, please visit our website or send us an email: [www.picounionnc.org](http://www.picounionnc.org)

[picounion09@gmail.com](mailto:picounion09@gmail.com)

We look forward to meeting you and hearing from you.

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## Quality of Life and Safety Quarterly

## Help Keep Pico Union Clean and Safe

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” –*Hellen Keller.*



[WWW.PICOUNIONNC.ORG](http://WWW.PICOUNIONNC.ORG)



## HELP STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING

### ONE CALL CAN DO IT

Dumping bulky items and littering on the streets is a violation that carries a fine of up to \$1,000, along with a possible misdemeanor citation or six months in jail.

The City will pick up your bulky items for free. All you have to do is call **(213) 473-3231** or use the **311 App** on your smartphone or tablet to schedule a pick-up. Spanish and Korean speaking representatives are available. It's that simple!

## VOLUNTEER FOR COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

### PITCH IN

Come join us Saturday, July 31st. Meeting point 17th St. and Burlington Ave. Or if you can't, you can still help by just keeping the front area of your street clean. E-mail [picounion09@gmail.com](mailto:picounion09@gmail.com) or visit our website to find out when the next community clean-up is scheduled.

## REPORT GRAFFITI

### REMOVAL IS QUICK

Call **(213) 473-3231** or use the **311 App** for graffiti removal. You can make your report anonymously. Keeping our buildings, streets, sidewalks, traffic light poles, mail boxes, parks and trees free of graffiti is essential to the well-being of our community. It promotes pride and encourages people to visit and engage in our community and our businesses.



## GRAFFITI ARTISTS

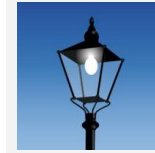
### GRAFF LAB

1038 W.Venice Blvd  
[www.thegrafflab.com](http://www.thegrafflab.com)

The Graff Lab opened in 2006. Renowned for graffiti artwork, they are an invaluable asset to the Pico Union community.

They offer wall space for graffiti artists to develop their skills and express their talents. The graffiti yard is open on weekends from 10AM – 7PM. If you have any questions, contact Lalo at **(323) 309-8597**.

The Graff Lab also offers year-round youth and adult programs in arts and crafts, music, dance and sports. Visit their website for more detailed information.



## LIGHTS OUT, CRIME OUT

Call **(213) 473-3231** or use the **311 App** to report broken, damaged or burnt out street lights. Dark areas harbor criminal activity. Do it to improve the safety within our community.

## GET VACCINATED



## PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR LOVE ONES AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Delta variant is circulating. Covid vaccinations are free and easy. Visit <https://myturn.ca.gov> to find the a location and make an appointment.

If you don't have access to the internet, you call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at **(833) 540-0473** from 8AM - 830PM to schedule a vaccination appointment. The wait, however, may be long.

If you lost your Covid vaccination card, you can get a digital copy at:

[myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov](http://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov)

Be sure to use the email or cell phone number you used when you received your vaccine.