

**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Larry Watts called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. New member Eric Edmunds lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Binder, John  
Bisnoff, Michelle  
Chapgier, Flo  
Cohen, Ike  
Dohrmann, Barbara  
Edmunds, Eric  
Freedman, Nancy  
Goldstein, Richard  
Gordon, Bryan  
Kelly, Caroline  
Klein, Raymond  
Kozloff, Kyle  
Krell, Marylin

Lewis, Mary Ann  
Sidell, Mary  
Watts, Larry  
Yadegar, Sam

**ALTERNATES**

Alpern, Leeor  
Arbor, Elyse  
Hockemeyer, Debra  
Lerum, Tom  
Raymond, Jackie  
Redman Kahn, Teri  
Rose, Herb

\*Note: Only those Representatives and Alternates who are present at the meeting will be listed; late arrivals are asked to announce themselves so the Board can recognize them and list them as present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made (I. Cohen), seconded (M. Krell) and approved to accept the October meeting minutes with the changes previously made to the draft.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Bryan Gordon

- Receipts for the 10 months through October 31 are \$5,100 for Dues and \$6,500 for Donations
- Disbursements for this period were \$3,773.95
- Surplus for the year to date is \$7,826.05

- The balance on the operating account is \$15,447.29
- We have paid \$1,000 retainer to the traffic engineer of a total contract of \$4,500 to evaluate the Archer traffic issues
- We have not yet received an invoice from the planning consultant for the review of the Archer DEIR

**CHAIR** remembered Tom Kalette, long time BCC Representative of Brentwood Village Business District, who passed away recently, and then invited others to share their memories of Tom. The Council observed a moment of silence in Tom's honor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Maria Gray, Senior Lead Officer

Officer Gray thanked Michelle Bisnoff for helping to make the Saturday, November 1, fundraiser so successful.

Westside Food Bank food collection is getting underway. Please see the attached flyer

Clarification of School Bus information – Both directions of travel on smaller undivided roads must stop while red lights are flashing. On a larger streets, like Sunset Blvd. or divided roads, all traffic moving in same direction as bus must stop and cars coming in the opposite direction may proceed with caution without stopping. LAPD is commencing a strict enforcement program.

Brentwood crime is down 6% from last year, although burglaries from cars had a large increase. LAPD will arrange a neighborhood "walk" to leave warning flyers on cars. Please see the attached flyer

Reports of mail box break-ins should be reported to the U.S.P.S. and LAPD.

An anonymous false bomb threat post on a social media site caused evacuation at Palisades Charter High School.

Officer Ragsdale will substitute for Officer Gray for next several BCC meetings.

**GOVERNMENT REPORTS** –

**Norman Kulla**, Senior Counsel for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11

The Councilmember will move to require public notice when requests are made for removal of protected trees. This is in response to about 100 trees taken down on Old Ranch Road without any public notice being given.

The Councilmember Bonin has instructed the relevant department heads to proceed with expedition to install a traffic circle at Bundy and Mayfield.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will take place on the Westside on January 28, 2015. M. Bisnoff is helping organize a task force for homelessness for Brentwood, similar to the one in Pacific Palisades. See the attached flyer for information on how to participate.

**Daniel Tamm**, Westside Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti

The Mayor attended the ceremony awarding the Governor's Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Award to six LAX police officers for their actions as first responders following the shooting last year of a TSA officer at LAX

The LA Bureau of Sanitation received the Mayor's first Civic Innovation Award for replacing paper maps with a Smartphone App.

The Mayor recently discussed the citywide drought response with managers from several city departments, which included plans to replace the San Vicente grass medians with drought tolerant plants. Mr. Tamm will contact with T. Redman Kahn regarding issues such as appropriate city maintenance and the preservation of jogging paths before the City adopts this proposal.

The Mayor will lead a trade delegation to promote trade, tourism and travel between LA and China, South Korea and Japan.

**Stephanie Cohen**, Representative for State Assemblymember Bloom (absent)

Report given by N. Freedman:

The Assemblymember is preparing a legislative package and welcomes policy ideas and proposals from community members. To obtain a Proposal Request form, please contact [Stephanie.cohen@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.cohen@asm.ca.gov)

A seminar to educate seniors about various scams will be presented at the Ken Edwards Center in Santa Monica on Thursday, Nov 6. RSVPs are full, but walk-ins will be seated.

Assemblymember Bloom initiated 22 successful bills during the last legislative session that have since been signed into law by the Governor. One bill, AB2493 relating to redevelopment bond funds, was vetoed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Land Use** – Bryan Gordon

Representatives from Brentwood, Westwood, and Venice will meet on November 13 with Terry Kaufmann-Macias and Mike Feuer of the City Attorney's office. We understand Macias wrote the policy letter stating that the Zoning Administration not impose alcohol related CUB conditions. Other jurisdictions, such as Santa Monica, are still imposing alcohol related conditions. There is a question as to whether state law pre-empts the city's ability to impose such conditions. From the BCC LUC point of view, the desired conditions are planning, land use and public safety issues, whether or not alcohol related, and are necessary to help solve traffic, parking and public safety concerns.

Representatives from BCC, BHA, RNA, and The Archer School for Girls continue to meet with CD11 to come to solutions. Next week's meeting focuses on special events and sporting events and how they impact traffic. BCC Executive Committee authorized the BCC to engage an independent traffic engineer to specifically study the 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. time period that was not examined in earlier studies, and to evaluate whether the traffic caps as proposed by Archer are sufficient.

### **Public Safety** – Raymond Klein

Items stolen from mailboxes are typically used for identity theft. He suggested asking the three major credit reporting services to freeze your credit reports, which should prevent a thief from obtaining credit using your identity. These can be "unfrozen" by at any time for \$10.00 per service.

### **Environmental** – Teri Redman Kahn

A Westside Garden Tour is being scheduled for a Sunday in April 2015 featuring gardens that best exemplify low water plantings and sustainability.

### **Outreach** - Michelle Bisnoff

Please see the attached BCC Community Outreach Update

M. Bisnoff introduced Stephanie Inyama who described the January 28, 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Homeless count. The West Los Angeles deployment site is the West LA Police Station.

## **CHAIR REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Larry Watts

Chair introduced three WRAC motions:

### **A.**

**\*Motion: Amendment to Outdoor Dining "r" Permit:** WRAC requests that the LA City Council amend the outdoor dining "r" permit ordinance to include requiring a window sticker advising the public that they have a permit.

**Purpose:** Allows Community Council members, street inspectors, or whomever, to be able to identify illegal outdoor dining

**B.**

**\*Motion: Investigation re: Offsite Parking:**

-Requesting the City Council to investigate the Planning Department circumventing code by allowing off site parking with only a lease agreement and not a covenant agreement or variance.

**Purpose** : to ensure that the Planning Department and the CPC are not violating code and/or law by allowing uses to "Lease" required parking spaces off site, when code requires them to have a covenant agreement or file for a variance.

**C.**

**\*Motion:**

The BCC urges the Mayor, LADOT, and the City Council to amend the process for consideration of design and location of L.A. People St. projects (including Plazas, Parklets and Bicycle Corrals) to include a requirement for advance notice to and consultation with Neighborhood and Community Councils. To the extent applicable, designs and locations should comply with local Specific Plans. We also urge the program to comply with CEQA, as applicable.

After discussion, and upon a motion duly made (R. Klein) and seconded (M. Krell), the foregoing motions were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

N. Freedman:

- A BCC made a donation to City of Hope in memory of Tom Kalette.
- A celebration of the life of Wendell Brown will take place on Sunday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m., next to Vicente Foods at 12011 San Vicente Blvd. Plans are also being made for a bronze sculpture to commemorate Wendall. See the attached flyer.
- SB2222 will go into effective January 1, 2015. A mansionization moratorium for five neighborhoods is pending before the City Council. (Council File 14-0656)
- A court recently invalidated a ban on 45 digital billboards, finding their removal violated the California Constitution's free speech provisions.
- Solar regulation is moving slowly in LA, but the State now requires brackets for solar installations on new commercial projects.

John Binder:

- Nicolas Berggruen wants to build an Institute on Governance on the ridge in the wildlife corridor, at the site of the Castle and Cook property in Mission Canyon. Issues include methane gas, wildlife, and unstable geography.

Caroline Kelly:

- National Council of Jewish Women is presenting a free community program on Senior Fraud & Elder Abuse Awareness on Wednesday, November 12, 12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m. at NCJW/LA Council House, 543 N. Fairfax Avenue

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**NEXT BCC MEETING:** Scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014

**WEST LOS ANGELES  
FOOD DRIVE  
COMMUNITY POLICE STATION**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT  
TO END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**EVENT DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2014 FROM 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**EVENT LOCATION: WEST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY POLICE STATION  
1663 BUTLER AVE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025**

**LAST YEAR WE COLLECTED 27,000 LBS OF FOOD WHICH MADE A HUGE IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF MANY FAMILIES  
THIS YEAR WE WOULD LIKE TO DOUBLE THAT NUMBER AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We ask that you hold your own food drive and bring the items you collect to our event on Sunday, November 23rd.  
We can provide collection bins for your collection effort.

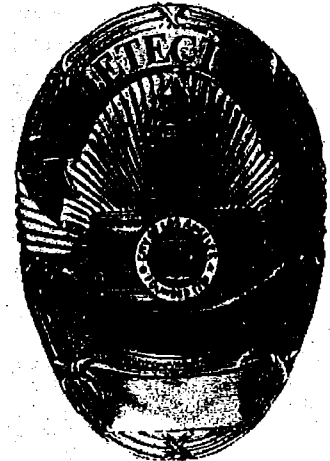
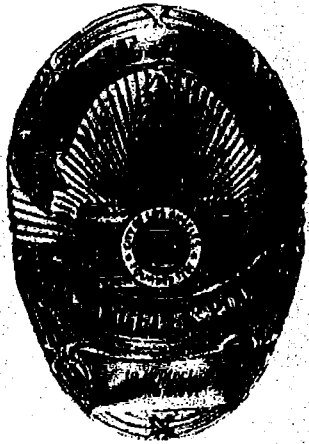
Food drives are a great way for friends, family, businesses, religious institutions, schools and youth groups to help others in our community that may need additional support.

Please contact us at **310.444.0735** for additional information or to request a food collection bin.

You can also sign up and get more information about this event at:

**[www.WLAFOODDRIVE.com](http://www.WLAFOODDRIVE.com)**

**THANK YOU FOR WORKING TOGETHER WITH US TO END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY.**



**Lock It** – a reminder to always lock your vehicle

**Hide It** – If you must leave valuables in the vehicle, hide them from plain sight

**Keep It** – A positive reminder that personal responsibility can safeguard your valuables from theft

**Top Items Stolen from Vehicles**

**GPS Devices**

**Cell Phones/Chargers**

**Money**

**Stereos/Radios**

**Documents, Mail, Check books**

**For more Crime Prevention Information or to get involved in a local Neighborhood Watch, contact your local Los Angeles Police Station or visit our Web Site at [WWW.LAPDONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.LAPDONLINE.ORG)**



# point-in-time count

## The Opt-In Program

### 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

For more information:  
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#### OPT-IN TODAY!

[OPT-IN@LAHSA.ORG](mailto:OPT-IN@LAHSA.ORG)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### WHAT IS THE COUNT?

The Point-In-Time Count is how we determine how many homeless neighbors we have in Los Angeles County on any given night. The purpose of the Greater Los Angeles Point-In-Time Homeless Count is to provide a biennial snapshot during the last 10 days of January of the number of homeless persons, their demographic characteristics and the locations where they reside.

The Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC) comprises all of Los Angeles County except for the cities of Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena, which operate separate Continua. All CoCs are currently obligated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to perform an enumeration of homeless persons on the street every two years, while a count of sheltered homeless persons must take place every year.

#### THE OPT-IN PROGRAM

The Opt-In Program gives Cities, Neighborhoods and Communities the opportunity to obtain locally-specific data at a high confidence level by completing a full count of every census tract assigned to their area. Participation will allow jurisdictions to obtain a Point-In-Time Count enumeration of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population residing within each census tract. Opting-in allows Cities, Neighborhoods and Communities to:

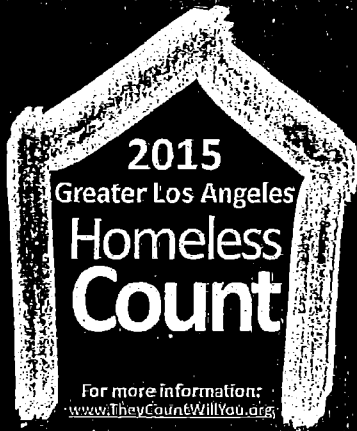
**Understand the Situation** In order to make a difference in the lives of homeless men, women and children, we need to know who they are and where they live. Beyond a simple count, we will also identify basic demographic information of our homeless residents.

**Bring Resources to Your Community** The data gathered from the Point-In-Time Count is the most powerful tool local leadership and nonprofit agencies have to make a case for additional and specialized resources. Only Opt-In areas get this specialized data. Areas that do not conduct a full enumeration will only receive regional data as part of a much larger extrapolation, which does not allow them to specify local need or track progress over time.

**Drive Engagement** Connect with leaders, citizens and other stakeholders within the City, Neighborhood or Community and create a vehicle to drive further civic engagement.

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## The Opt-In Program

### THE SIX STEPS TO OPTING-IN

**1. Notify LAHSA of Interest to Participate**

The first step to participate in the Opt-In Program is to notify LAHSA that your jurisdiction wants to participate by completing the Opt-In Program Interest Form by October 31, 2014. On the form, please designate one lead contact responsible for overseeing your Count—someone who will act as the representative for your jurisdiction, remain in direct contact with LAHSA staff and take the lead in securing the necessary resources for participation.

**2. Review Preliminary Opt-In Program Materials**

Upon receiving a completed Opt-In Program Interest Form, LAHSA will put you in touch with the designated Homeless Count Regional Coordinator for your Service Planning Area (SPA). Your SPA Regional Coordinator will provide you with additional Opt-In Program Information, promotional flyers and a draft Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines mutual responsibilities and contains a list of census tracts and maps (if necessary) for your jurisdiction, preliminary estimates of the minimum number of volunteers and other in-kind resources required, and other materials to assist in organizing and completing a successful Homeless Count.

**3. Complete, Sign and Return the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Work with your SPA Regional Coordinator to finalize the terms of the MOU. You will need to confirm your designated Opt-In Coordinators, your jurisdiction's clear geographic boundaries and the census tracts to be enumerated, the number of volunteers you will be targeting for recruitment, and the in-kind resources you will be providing to facilitate the 2015 Homeless Count. Your SPA Regional Coordinator and/or LAHSA will assist in finalizing the details and establishing a timeline and process for execution.

The MOU must be signed and returned to LAHSA by the agreed-upon deadline for your area to remain in the Opt-In Program.

**4. Promote the 2015 Homeless Count**

Use the provided materials and add links to your websites promoting the 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Keep your SPA Regional Coordinator informed of any public events that could serve as recruitment opportunities and leverage any social media platforms utilized by your jurisdiction.

**5. Recruit Volunteers**

Build your volunteer list and keep track of your progress towards achieving the necessary number of volunteers. Check-in with your designated SPA Regional Coordinator regularly for tips and additional resources on volunteer recruitment.

**6. Secure Deployment Sites**

Your SPA Regional Coordinator will help you identify appropriate Deployment Site(s) within your jurisdiction for the Homeless Count. Please complete and submit one Deployment Site Worksheet form per site location (see MOU, Attachment 1).

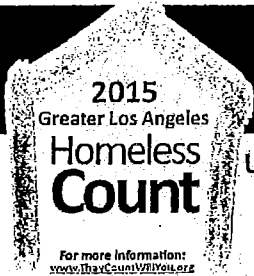
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# Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count



**USE YOUR PHONE TO REGISTER NOW!!** <http://homelesscountla.weebly.com/volunteer.html>

## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

**VOLUNTEER CONTACT:**

<small>First Name</small>	<small>Last Name</small>		
(   )   )   t   x   )			
<small>Telephone</small>	<small>Extension</small>	<small>Email Address</small>	

**HOME ADDRESS:**

<small>Street Address</small>		<small>Unit/Suite/Floor</small>
<small>City</small>	, CA	<small>ZIP Code</small>

**ORGANIZATION:**  
(IF APPLICABLE)

<small>Name of any agency or organization with whom you are affiliated</small>

**TEAM NAME:**  
(OPTIONAL)

<small>Preferred Team Name</small>

**PREFERRED ROLES**

Please rank your preferred roles from 1 to 6 below:

- Volunteer Recruiter** t Recruit volunteers to participate in the Homeless Count by spreading the word throughout social circles and representing staff at various community events.
- Volunteer Trainer** t Trainers will be responsible for training all Volunteer Counters at a specific Deployment Site. Trainers will take on a leadership role and should be comfortable giving directions.
- Volunteer Counters** t Counters will receive training and materials on the day of the Count from trained volunteers and be deployed in groups of 2 or 3 to count specific blocks in an area. Counters will be outside counting for up to 4 hours.
- Office Volunteer** t Office work includes making phone calls to recruit volunteers and helping with data entry during shifts of 1 to 3 hours.
- Assistant Deployment Site Coordinator** t Assists the Deployment Site Coordinator on the night of the Count. Assistant Coordinators take on a leadership role and should be comfortable giving directions.
- Deployment Site Coordinator** t Be in charge of running a local Deployment Site, including site setup and cleanup, overseeing volunteer training and deployment, and collecting and reviewing tally sheets. Coordinators take on a leadership role and should be comfortable giving directions.



### 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

**Tuesday**  
January 27, 2015

Night  
SPA 3  
SPA 7

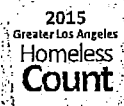
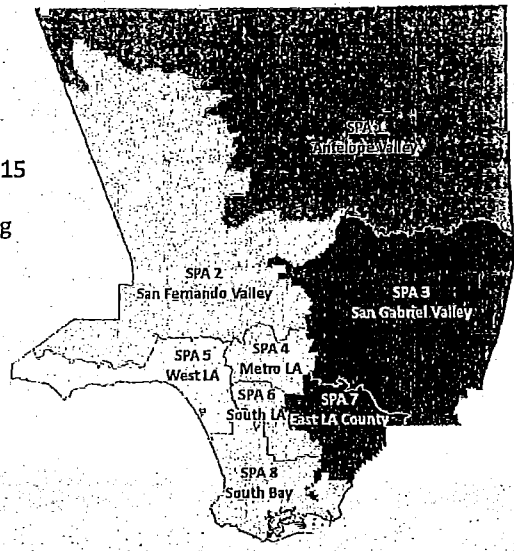
**Wednesday**  
January 28, 2015

Night  
SPA 5  
SPA 8

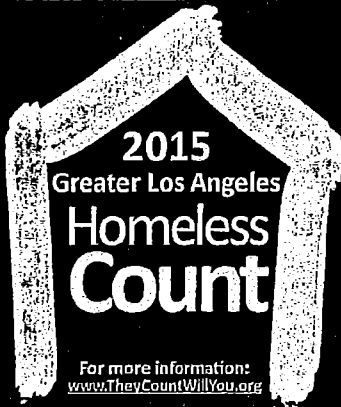
**Thursday**  
January 29, 2015

Early Morning  
SPA 1

Night  
SPA 2  
SPA 4  
SPA 6



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AM	SCHEDULE	PM
5:00AM	DEPLOYMENT SITE SET-UP	6:00PM
6:00AM	VOLUNTEER ARRIVAL & TRAINING	8:00PM
7:00AM	BEGIN HOMELESS COUNT	9:00PM
10:00AM	FINISH HOMELESS COUNT	12:00AM
12:00PM	LEAVE DEPLOYMENT SITE	2:00AM

### VOLUNTEER TODAY!

[HOMELESSCOUNT@LAHSA.ORG](mailto:HOMELESSCOUNT@LAHSA.ORG)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q** How does counting homeless persons help to reduce and end homelessness?
- A** We need to know the size and scope of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. In order to make a difference in the lives of our homeless residents, we need to know who they are and where they reside; the count is really secondary to our goal of helping homeless persons find permanent housing. The data gathered from the count allows us to assess how and where homeless persons can best be served.
- Q** I've never done this before. How will I know how to count homeless people?
- A** All volunteers will be fully trained and provided with equipment and materials.
- Q** Can I select which area I want to volunteer in?
- A** Yes! We encourage volunteers to count in the community they are most familiar with! Visit [www.TheyCountWillYou.org](http://www.TheyCountWillYou.org) to register and indicate your area preference.
- Q** What is the time commitment and expected schedule for the Homeless Count?
- A** Please reference the left sidebar for exact scheduling, but the time commitment is generally 3-5 hours for most volunteer roles.
- Q** What will I be doing as a volunteer?
- A** There are many ways you can participate to help make the Homeless Count a success. Volunteering opportunities include:
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  - **Volunteer Trainers** to be responsible for training all Volunteer Counters at a specific Deployment Site for up to 3 hours. Trainers take on a leadership role and must be comfortable giving direction.
  - **Volunteer Counters** to receive training and materials on the day of the Count from trained volunteers and be deployed in groups of 2-3 to count specific blocks in an area. Counters will be outside counting for up to 4 hours.
  - **Office Volunteers** to be making phone calls to recruit volunteers and helping with data entry during shifts of 1-3 hours.
  - **Deployment Site Coordinators** to run a Deployment Site during an 8-hour shift, including setup and cleanup, overseeing volunteer training and deployment, and collecting and reviewing tally sheets. Coordinators take on a leadership role and must be comfortable giving direction.
- Q** Can I invite others to join as a group?
- A** Yes! You can invite as many people as you would like and also sign-up to volunteer as a group. If your place of employment offers volunteer incentives, please let them know about the Homeless Count, then visit [www.TheyCountWillYou.org](http://www.TheyCountWillYou.org) to register as a team.

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## **BCC Community Outreach Update**

**November 2014**

**Chair: Michelle Bisnoff ([bisnoff@gmail.com](mailto:bisnoff@gmail.com) or 310-722-1141)**

1. **LAPD West Fundraiser on Nov 1:** The BCC Outreach Committee supported last Saturday's fundraiser for the West LAPD by facilitating community communication, providing volunteer hours and strategic planning guidance. I attended the event on behalf of the BCC and it exceeded all expectations for fundraising! Funds will go towards needed equipment at our local LAPD station and the LAPD Cadet on-site after school program.
2. **BCC Holiday Blood Drive:** *Did you know that UCLA and St Johns Hospitals need blood the most during the December holiday season?* The BCC Outreach Committee is partnering with the Red Cross of Los Angeles to sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, December 28 from 10AM-3PM. The Red Cross Blood Drive RV will be parked on San Vicente, in front of Brentwood Green School, next to the entrance of the Farmers Market. An ONLINE sign up system will be sent out by the BCC in early December. Our goal is 40 pints of blood, so we need about 50 total blood donors. This event does not cost anything for the BCC to sponsor.
3. **Homeless Count:** *Did you know that the County of LA has NEVER counted the homeless population in the Brentwood/Palispades tract of the US Census?* The County has a mandatory requirement to conduct a homeless count every 2 years per the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department and the next count is January 28, 2015. The BCC Outreach Committee has volunteered to be the community organizer for this effort and count the homeless in our census tract. We will publish volunteer sign ups and a schedule of events via the BCC web site in mid-November. Once we have numbers for our census tract, it will add to the funds disbursed to the County for our area and our elected officials will have an easier time getting proactive assistance for the homeless folks in our neighborhood. There is no cost involved to the BCC, we provide strategic and volunteer help.
4. **Wendell the Homeless Poet:** There will be a memorial/fundraiser on Sunday Nov 9 @ 1PM for Wendell the Poet who was a neighborhood fixture outside of Vicente Foods. The BCC Outreach Committee has enlisted our local Girl Scout Troop to attend the Memorial and read his old poems and Nancy Freedman has arranged for children from Brentwood School to honor him as well. The event will raise funds for a bronze likeness of Wendell to be placed near his favorite site to sell poems. There is no cost involved in supporting this project, the BCC is facilitating a larger gathering and assisting with communication only.
5. **LAFD Fundraiser:** Similar to the LAPD Fundraiser, the BCC Outreach Committee is focused on an LAFD event for Spring. We are working with the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation. Details to follow.
6. **Barrington Village Festivus Holiday Walk:** Due to the passing of wonderful BCC Member Tom Kalette, BCC Outreach has volunteered to assist the Barrington Village Chamber of Commerce with their Festivus Walk on Saturday, Dec 6, 12-4PM. They will have music, food, face painting, pony rides, a real bearded Santa, kettle corn and many other "stations" along a festive walk around Barrington Village.
7. **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** BCC Outreach will partner with the LAPD West Division and organize a local Food Drive for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be placing containers in various locations throughout Brentwood for food collection.
8. **Library Fundraiser:** A wonderful new Brentwood floral business, Fleurish, has opened at San Vicente and Montana, right in front of Lululemon. The BCC will be coordinating a fundraiser for the Library with Fleurish. We have our local Girl Scout Troop from Kenter Canyon Elementary School who will build floral arrangements for purchase for Thanksgiving, with the proceeds benefitting the Library. We will be posting photos of the different kinds of floral displays that can be pre-ordered online at the BCC website starting in mid-November.
9. **Outreach Committee Survey:** We are using the BCC email list to send out a BCC Community Outreach Survey to gather community feedback that will help shape our 2015 goals and activities. We will report back with results at the next meeting.

## **JOIN US FOR A MEMORIAL OF WENDELL BROWN'S LIFE**

A celebration of the gifted homeless poet who touched many lives is planned for

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 1:00PM**

Next to Vicente Foods at 12011 San Vicente

Leaders in the Brentwood community have planned an unusual gathering for a unique man, a veteran who inspired many of us in the face of his own challenges through his poetry and compassion for others.

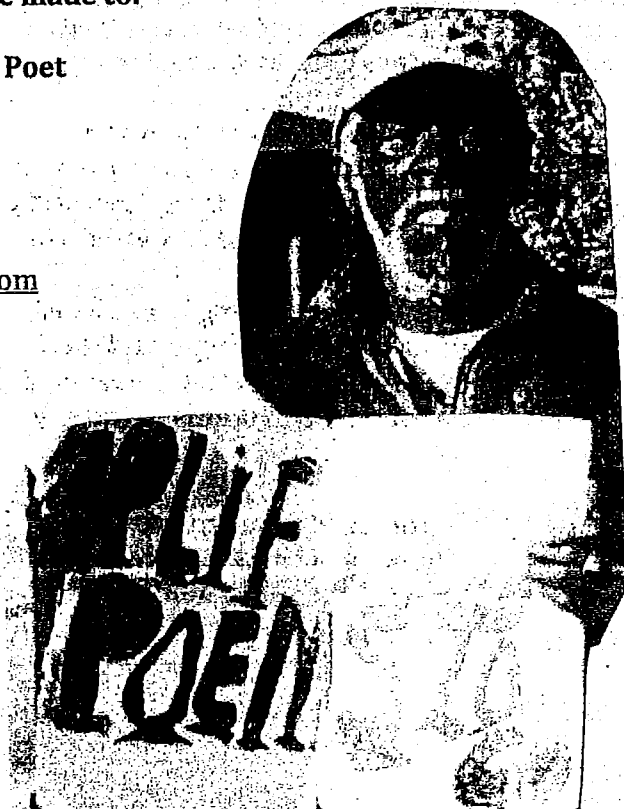
After Wendell's passing, many of us began learning about the lives he saved and significantly changed. We'll tell some of those stories and remember our friend in the same place where he sold his poems and conversed with passersby.

We'll be the first to see a facsimile of a beautiful bronze sculpture of Wendell, designed by Jonathan Bickart. A fund has been started to make this beautiful work of art a permanent remembrance for our friend.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to:

Brentwood.90049- Wendell Brown, Poet  
149 S. Barrington Ave. #194  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Your check is your tax receipt.  
The nonprofit tax ID is 95-4659261  
More information: [GJF165@gmail.com](mailto:GJF165@gmail.com)



## BALLAD OF A BUSHMAN

Some clustered bushes shelter me.  
In loneliness and misery,  
They shield me from the wind and cold.  
And help me keep what I hope I hold.

I gave my best for Uncle Sam,  
And came back dead from Viet Nam,  
When afterwards at home again,  
Just one among forgotten men.

My world has changed, I was alone.  
Nobody cared, No welcome shown.  
From eyes of strangers, eyes of friends,  
My heart was broken, would not mend.

Such awful scenes of dead mankind  
Blood-soaked the regions of my mind.  
For me the loss of days, long gone,  
Leave me no choice, but to wander on.

What do I seek and do not find?  
Where is the comfort for my kind?  
No cheerful hearth awaits for me.  
My days plod on eternally.

But wait, I say, don't pity me.  
I have the mountains and the sea.  
I've watched the cities sprawl and grow,  
With "people-boxes" row on row.

I've seen men slaving lives away,  
Pursuing money night and day,  
Confined in concrete kennels high,  
Commercial treadmills in the sky.

I too need money, that is true.  
In meager bits I beg from you.  
I am not proud, I have no wealth,  
I am thankful just to have my health.

My wants are few, but this I've found,  
What peace is mine, comes from the ground.  
God's friendly bushes are my "pad".  
They gave what little ease I've had.

They know full well I sometimes cry,  
They know, as I, that men must die.  
Before that time I want a life  
With simple comforts, kids and wife.

For now, I live the life I've got.  
A victim of the war I fought.  
The bushes know, I'm sure they do  
They shelter me, and others too.

They always greet me as a man.  
They keep me warm as best they can.  
They shade me from the blazing sun,  
And welcome me when the day is done.

But how long will my bushes stand  
As urban growth spreads cross the land?  
I pray for bushes. Let them be.  
They make a "home" for now, for me.