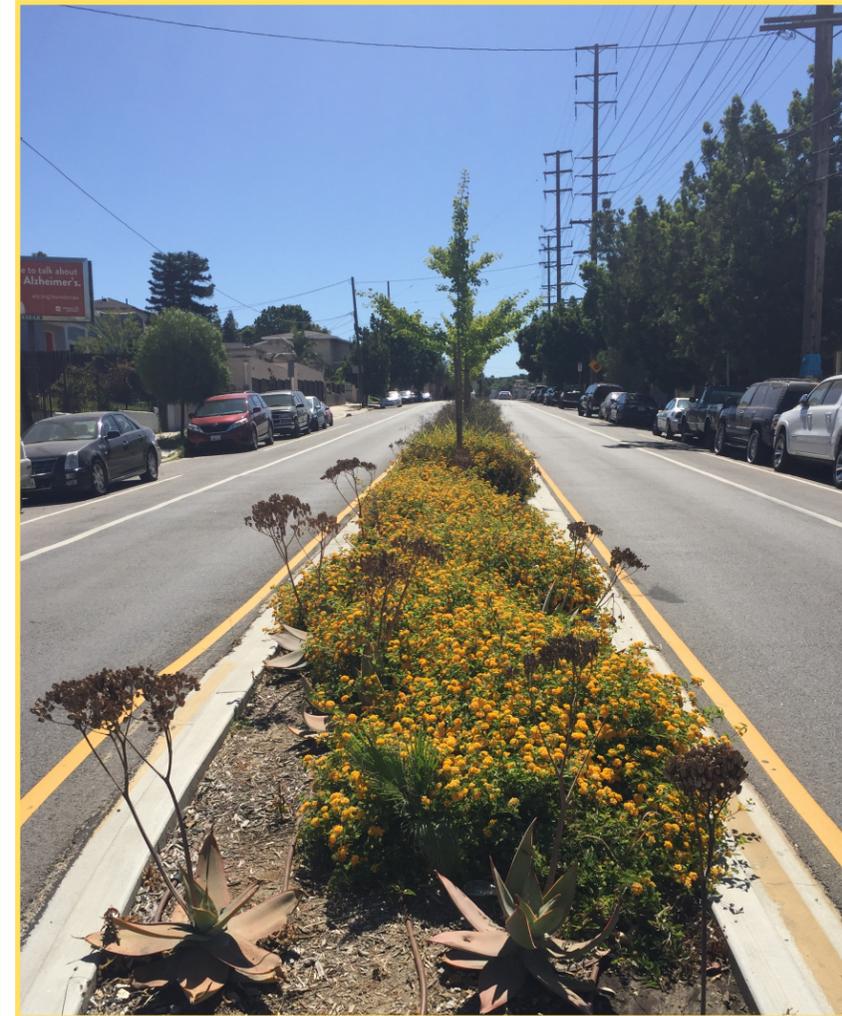




**GLASSELL PARK**  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
**NEWS**



Landscaping like this on Fletcher Drive may be coming to the medians on Verdugo Road thanks to CD13 & CD14. See page 3 for more information.

The GPIA comes to you!



Want a sign? We'll deliver!  
Go to page 6 to learn more.

★ **IN-PERSON MEETINGS UNLIKELY FOR REST OF 2020** ★

The GPIA's General Membership meetings cannot be held as usual, but we will get together online via Zoom or in person outdoors near the Glassell Park Community &



Senior Center as soon as we can safely do so. Please be sure we have your current email address so we can announce future events as they come together.

## What's going on in Glassell Park?

✓ **Alternative numbers to call instead of 911**

Go to page 11 for a list of phone numbers for non-LAPD support.

✓ **Northeast LA is not responding to census**

According to early tallies, residents of Northeast Los Angeles have not replied to census emails and other contacts. The census results determine how Federal funds and services are allocated, so the data is crucial for projects like housing, infrastructure and open space/recreation.

✓ **At last, reach the GPIA board all at once!**

The GPIA board has one email address! If you have comments, suggestions or want to update your contact information, send us an email at [board@gpia.org](mailto:board@gpia.org).

✓ **Free legal assistance through virtual housing clinic**

The California Women's Law Center is helping tenants get their legal questions answered. For information go to [cwlc@cwlc.org](mailto:cwlc@cwlc.org) or call 323-951-1041.

✓ **West Nile virus returns to Los Angeles County**

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed the first mosquito to test positive for West Nile virus (WNV) this year. Although the summer heat will dry up much standing water, it's important to check any containers that could hold water for more than one week. For more information, or to schedule a free inspection, contact GLACVCD at 562-944-9656 or online at [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org).

✓ **GP's baseball fields may get refurbished**

The developers of 3400 Fletcher Drive have submitted a proposal to have the Quimby funds they must pay the city used to refurbish the three baseball fields at the Glassell Park Rec Center. Improvements would include leveling the ground, creating standard pitching mounds, replacing bleachers, installing batting cages and painting murals on the surrounding walls.

✓ **Sign up for emergency alerts from the City**

In a disaster or other threat, the City of Los Angeles uses multiple ways to reach residents. To sign up for alerts, go to [www.emergency.lacity.org](http://www.emergency.lacity.org).

✓ **Meals program may move into Glassell Park**

The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) is now in charge of the City's Meals on Wheels program from the Dept. of Aging. They are considering the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center for their new headquarters. The MAOF provides weekly delivery of 7 frozen meals to seniors throughout Los Angeles. To sign up for the program, call 323-526-9344 or 323-278-3629.

✓ **Library card is gateway to free movies and more**

Anyone with a Los Angeles Public Library card can do a lot more than take out books. Movies, podcasts, newspapers, ebooks, music, language learning apps and audio books are some of the items available for streaming and downloading through the library. Go to <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media> for a complete list of everything the library offers online.

✓ **Helicopters? Police cars? App tells what's happening**

Citizen is a free app for smart devices that provides local information about major incidents by using a GPS-powered map combined with 911 activity.

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## LETTER FROM GPIA AREA REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER CAMPBELL

In the past few weeks during the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, I've had the opportunity to volunteer with the GPIA led Free Lunch for the Homebound program.

I am so grateful to Helene Schpak for spearheading this effort for Glassell Park!

It's been heartening to see the volunteers who have come from every corner of our neighborhood to help. We meet at 11am to pick up the lunches to be delivered and it's always great to see the other volunteers. I can't name them all but their consistent commitment, cheerfulness and humor (and creative face coverings!) have made these sometimes difficult days much brighter.

I'm sure seeing someone coming to your door with a free lunch from Lemon Poppy Kitchen would make most people pretty happy, it's been a great way to meet neighbors!

The simplicity of sharing a moment with a neighbor belies the depth and importance of human connection. Giving and receiving, reciprocity, the opportunity to meet the person behind the hedge, the garden gate, the front door, to be welcomed and brought into conversation has been an affirmation of the importance of community and the inherent sweetness of neighborly connection. Especially welcome in this time of separation.

It is my pleasure to serve this community through volunteering on the board of the GPIA.

And my thanks go to all of our members who keep our community connected in so many ways.

Did you know you can advertise in the GPIA News? Ask for our rate sheet at: [gpiaNews90065@gmail.com](mailto:gpiaNews90065@gmail.com)

## Glassell Park medians to get a major makeover

The long-promised beautification of the medians in Verdugo Road between Eagle Rock Boulevard and the 2 Freeway ramps is in progress. Council Districts 13 (Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell) and 14 (Councilmember José Huizar) have identified funding and received the go-ahead from CalTrans to begin work, and the DWP has already run water lines to each median to support drip irrigation.

The GPIA has been actively involved with our CD13 & 14 Field Deputies, Hector Vega and Lucy Aparicio, respectively. Our experience with planting and maintaining other medians in Glassell Park provided on-the-ground knowledge that complemented the various City agencies, including landscape architect Glen Duke's ideas for the medians.

There will be no change in size or shape to the medians. In fact, the existing curbs will remain intact. With an eye to continuity among the medians in Glassell Park, the plants will be much the same as those that are doing well in the medians on Fletcher Drive, including the ginkgo biloba trees and yellow lantana. The area beneath the overpass that never gets direct sun, will be mostly hardscape, but Mr. Duke suggested some shade-loving plants that might survive there.



Landscape architect's plans for the medians

Median on Fletcher Drive that could be a model for Verdugo medians



Last minute hand-painted banner at the site

Work on the project will be done by the LA Conservation Corps and is expected to begin in July with removal of asphalt, soil remediation and amendment, installation of an irrigation system and lighting and, finally, planting in late September or early October if the weather is cool enough to give the plants a good chance to establish.

Given our inability to hold an in-person community meeting, the GPIA reached out to members and the community via email, our website, social media, Eventbrite and Nextdoor to invite residents to participate in a Zoom presentation and Q&A with our Field Deputies and representatives of the City departments involved. The Zoom meeting took place on June 13th, with seven community members as well as the GPIA's medians committee in attendance. From the City, Hector Vega (CD13), Lucy Aparicio (CD14), Glen Duke (landscape architect) and Lawrence Melendez (LA Conservation Corps) spoke about the plans and their execution.

During the Q&A, several residents and committee members made suggestions about plant types and asked for hardscape stones to match the Fletcher Drive medians instead of leaving asphalt at the tips of each median. Flash Cleanups chair Jim Kiehl was pleased to learn a "quick connect" for occasional hand watering will be installed on each median.

Finally, Glen Duke mentioned allowing spaces for a new monument (or two!) on the median, which drew many comments and prompted a call for another meeting in the not-too-distant future.

Zoom meeting panelists and attendees



High Speed Rail could cut through Glassell Park



Map showing existing uses for properties located along the rail lines that run between the LA River and San Fernando Road in Glassell Park.

The California High Speed Rail (HSR) Authority released its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), and it contains plans for running the "Bullet Train" route through Glassell Park above ground on existing railroad right of way. The route is now used by Metrolink, Amtrak and freight railroads.

The predominant planned land uses are industrial, open space and recreational and community facilities.

The report finds "significant and unavoidable" impacts from emissions, and that noise impacts would likely require sound walls.

The Alliance of River Communities (ARC) will host a presentation by HSR at their 7pm July 7th online meeting. To attend, go to: https://zoom.us/j/91244977130. The call in number is 669-900-6833 (no password required). Find ARC at: www.facebook.com/groups/708585016613818/

California High Speed Rail will hold an online public hearing on July 8th from 3-8pm. For more info go to www.MeetHSRSoCal.org.



Map showing planned uses for properties located along the rail lines that run between the LA River and San Fernando Road in Glassell Park.

Public comments on the DEIR are due by July 31st and may be submitted by email at: Burbank\_Los.angeles@hsr.ca.gov, by regular mail at: ATTN: Burbank/LA DEIR/EIS Comment, 355 S. Grand Av, Set 2050, LA, CA 90071 and on the website: https://hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis\_eir/. Verbal comments will be taken at the online hearing on July 8th (see above) and can be left at 877-977-1660.

GPIA brought meals to homebound neighbors



Anca Caliman & Katie Kildow preparing meals at Lemon Poppy Kitchen.

With funding from Councilmember Gil Cedillo (CD1), the GPIA worked with Lemon Poppy Kitchen owners Katie Kildow and Anca Caliman to provide free lunches for seniors and others who are homebound. GPIA members worked with other volunteers to deliver healthy lunches to 40 local residents.

This lunch program ended on June 18th, but CD1 Field Deputy Bill Cody worked with GPIA

President Helene Schpak and GCPNC President Clint Birdsong to make sure those who received lunches would be moved to a city-wide senior meals service managed by the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) through the City's Department of Aging.

We thank all who made the lunch program possible including Councilmember Cedillo, Field Deputy Bill Cody, the North Figueroa Association, the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council & their President Clint Birdsong, Lemon Poppy Kitchen's Anca Caliman and Katie Kildow and all our volunteers.

Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council provides grant to GPIA

The GPIA has been working with the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council on the lunchtime meals program in Glassell Park and Cypress Park, so when they said they had some funds to spend before the end of June, GPIA President Helene Schpak got board approval to quickly submit a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application to procure funds to help our seniors with hard goods in addition to the lunches they were getting. The GPIA received \$3,900, enough to purchase and distribute items like hand sanitizer, light bulbs, pet food, toilet paper and other needs the seniors have requested. Thanks to the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Board for their generosity.



Local leaders help out



Ron Galperin

Controller Ron Galperin and Congressman Jimmy Gomez helped pack lunches with volunteers.



Jimmy Gomez

Reports from the U.S. & State Capitols

U.S. Congressional District 34 report from Congressman Jimmy Gomez

In addition to its impact on the health and safety of our communities, the COVID-19 pandemic has dealt a severe blow to our state's economy, forcing businesses to close and leaving many unemployed. But my colleagues and I in Congress have been fighting hard to provide more financial relief and we've made significant progress.

As part of the passage of the CARES Act, I voted for billions of dollars for small businesses, hospitals, and health centers, along with strong unemployment benefits and stimulus checks for our community. Since then, our community health centers have received over \$16 million for their COVID-19 services, and my casework team has helped secure over \$1.2 million in PPP and EIDL loans for local small businesses. But our work isn't done.

In May, I voted to pass the Heroes Act, including \$175 billion in emergency rent and mortgage relief, another round of stimulus checks for all taxpayers, \$93.2 billion for essential workers in California, an extension of federal unemployment benefits through next January, and \$75 billion for COVID-19 testing.

This legislation represents a lifeline for those struggling to get by, but it's time for the Senate to pass it immediately to provide more relief for those who need help rebounding from this national emergency.

If you need help during this pandemic or have questions, please contact my office at (213) 481-1425.

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California Senate District 24 report from State Senator Maria Elena Durazo

On Wednesday, June 10th, Senator Maria Elena Durazo hosted an unemployment town hall in collaboration with the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Nearly 1,600 individuals RSVP'd for the town hall, a true testament to the state's unprecedented unemployment rate of 16% and the need to process claims faster to meet demand. To date, EDD has processed over 5.6 million unemployment insurance claims.

Here is how EDD is handling the unprecedented volume:

- Redirected 1,300 staff from EDD branches and other state agencies to assist.
• Hired 900 new UI staff with plans to add at 4,800 more.
• Simplified processes to file claims and pay benefits faster.
• Established the UI Online Assistance Center for technical help.
• Implemented text messaging to claimants for more timely communication.

For more information on unemployment, please visit:

Town Hall Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=3&v=Jaf615yG9Dg&feature=emb\_title

EDD PowerPoint Presentation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNwPOjov4Po

EDD: https://www.edd.ca.gov/ Applying to EDD's 1,800 Jobs: www.CalCareers.ca.gov/

Ask EDD: https://askedd.edd.ca.gov/

Senator Durazo's Casework Form: https://sd24.senate.ca.gov/contact

Field Office 1808 W. Sunset Blvd., LA 90026 213-483-9300 http://sd24.senate.ca.gov/

GPIA co-sponsoring 2nd community "Know Your Rights" presentation

The GPIA is partnering once again with the National Lawyers Guild/LA to bring legal information to our activist neighbors. This time we are joining forces with the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council and Mujeres de la Tierra to expand on themes of protesting with kids, protesting without documentation, minors engaged in protest, what it's like to be arrested and health safety within a protest.

This webinar educational is planned for sometime in July. Information will be posted on our website. GPIA members will be sent information directly.

Fireworks

The three council offices are very aware of the serious problems we have with fireworks, although neighbors will attest that they are really M80 small bombs rather than fireworks. Central LAPD is working on a link for citizens to quickly and directly alert police to fireworks activity. But for a quick response they need a specific address. CD1 is producing a flyer that will be available to the community. Meantime, the GPIA has produced one of our own that is on the website: www.gpia.org.



From the cover:

**Expanding our SLOW DOWN and Poopachu campaigns**

With funding from the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, the GPIA is producing another batch of SLOW DOWN signs that community members can place around Glassell Park to encourage safer driving. Go to [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org) to request a yard sign like the one on the cover of this issue.

Plus, we still have POOP DOESN'T POOF yard signs, and can arrange to have one or two delivered to you. Go to [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org) to request your sign.

The GPIA is working to enhance the idea of POOP DOESN'T POOF by introducing a pilot program that would have us working with our Council Districts, the Dept. of Sanitation and the Dept. of Public Works.

While our current campaign encourages pet owners to pick up after their dogs, this follow up campaign would provide places to dispose of the used waste bags.

We have two plans for helping dog owners keep our streets, sidewalks and yards clean. First, we are asking for more city trash cans wherever they can be placed; and second, because our narrow hillside streets aren't candidates for city trash bins, we are introducing a plan to allow residents to designate their trash bins as waste bag friendly.

The GPIA is reaching out to our city leaders and department heads and hope to be collaborating with them on this project in the near future. Check our website, [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org) for updates.



**Supervisor and Mayor reports**

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors from First District  
**County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's 2020 Homeless Count tells us we have made some gains, but we must do more. In the last year, over 22,769 individuals accessed permanent housing, more than 26,032 people entered interim housing, and over 38,865 County residents got help through outreach, engagement, and prevention services. Importantly, over 6,300 people were kept from falling into homelessness. Still, we have much work ahead of us. This year's count revealed two-thirds of unsheltered adults were homeless for the first time, and 59 percent of them cited economic hardship as the cause.

Like neighboring counties and urban centers throughout the country, we are seeing a steady rise in homelessness. In Los Angeles County, it increased by 12.7 percent. On any given night, 66,433 people in Los Angeles County are experiencing homelessness, and I fear the COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated our homelessness crisis. I am committed to strengthening partnerships with homeless service providers, community and faith-based groups, cities, state and the federal government to support families and individuals impacted by COVID-19 and who are experiencing housing instability.

It's been my priority to support programs that connect residents to permanent housing. To that end, I have provided grants to First District organizations that help our neighbors experiencing homelessness, including:

- LA Family Housing's Comunidad Cesar Chavez: \$1.2 million
- The Whole Child's Safe Families Interim Housing Program: \$457,000

Let's keep extending a helping hand to our unsheltered neighbors. Together, we can lift our brothers and sisters out of despair and put them on a path towards hope and recovery.

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Report from the  
**Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti**

This is an incredibly difficult time for our city and our country. In the midst of a pandemic that has taken lives and livelihoods, we saw yet another Black American murdered in broad daylight.

We must carry forward the names of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others to ensure their legacy becomes the change our country so desperately needs. And we must take action to redefine public safety so that it recognizes the humanity and dignity of every American.

I vow to continue, and redouble, my work to tackle and correct the inequities born of structural racism. Like everyone who is peacefully demonstrating, I am eager for change — and our city government will change to deliver progress and advance racial justice.

The movement for racial justice is bigger than a budget, but budgets are statements of our values. That's why we'll be working to identify \$250 million for further investments in community programs, including cuts to LAPD's budget. And this will build on the reforms we've already put in place at our police department in recent years.

Every step we take to protect people's rights, to enact overdue reforms, to undo structural racism — all of it is meant to build a more fair, equal, and just Los Angeles.

Black lives matter, and the future depends on what we do now.

Mayor Eric Garcetti

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**City Council Districts Reports**

Council District 1 report from **Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo**

Hello from Bill Cody from CD1. I am now the full time Field Deputy for the Glassell Park portion of CD1. Although we at CD1 are going to be working more holistically as we move into the post pandemic world. What that means is that while I will be the lead for the area, I will also be getting support from my fellow Field Deputies, Ricardo Flores (the new full time Cypress Park Deputy) and Luis Gonzalez as well as our District Director Hugo Ortiz and Chief of Staff Debby Kim. Our goal is to make sure that the people of Glassell Park, as well as the rest of CD1, feel listened to and supported.

We had a productive spring working with the GPIA, GCPNC and Lemon Poppy, but unfortunately our Senior Hot Meals partnership is winding down. We will continue to look for funding sources but in the meantime CD1 is committed to working with the GPIA on other upcoming projects. That includes finding a home for a permanent Senior program in the NE and Glassell Park as well as the GPIA grocery program that just received funding. It also means finding ways to help with past GPIA priorities like clean-ups. We believe we have some ways to do clean-ups and other beautification programs with proper social distancing and masks that will allow for us to work safely and still keep Glassell Park clean and green. We should also be able to meet with the GPIA community in ways that will allow members to reach out to the Council Office with immediate concerns, like the recent spike in the use of illegal fireworks. Whether through Zoom, Google Hangouts or conference calls.

Working together we will see better days soon.

Bill Cody

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Council District 13 report from **Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell**

Hello from Bill Cody from CD1. I am now the full time Field Deputy for the Glassell Park portion of CD1. Although we at CD1 are going to be working more holistically as we move into the post pandemic world. What that means is that while I will be the lead for the area, I will also be getting support from my fellow Field Deputies, Ricardo Flores (the new full time Cypress Park Deputy) and Luis Gonzalez as well as our District Director Hugo Ortiz and Chief of Staff Debby Kim. Our goal is to make sure that the people of Glassell Park, as well as the rest of CD1, feel listened to and supported.

Friends, Recently, a new COVID-19 testing site opened nearby at Dodger Stadium. This new drive-up site, located at 1101 Scott Avenue, is the largest testing site to be opened thus far in the county. The center will have the capacity to test up to 6,000 Angelenos a day, three times larger than any other location in Los Angeles County.

Given the large protests we have seen in our communities in recent weeks, it is critical now more than ever to get tested. The health of our most vulnerable neighbors should be our first responsibility. Getting tested allows us to protect those who we care about in our lives.

And as the city continues to progress on the Roadmap to Recovery, we know what we have to do to move forward: stay safer at home. Continuing to practice physical distancing, washing your hands frequently throughout the day, and wearing a face covering when you leave your home are all necessary precautions we must continue to take.

If we maintain our commitment in following these preventative measures, we will protect our neighbors, progress on to new phases of re-openings, and save lives.

To sign-up for a free COVID-test, [please visit this website](#).

Kind regards,  
MITCH O'FARRELL

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Council District 14 report from **Councilmember José Huizar**

Hello Glassell Park, For the latest information on the "Safer L.A." Emergency Order and to learn more about available resources and the roadmap guiding the City's COVID-19 response, please visit [corona-virus.la](http://corona-virus.la).

I would like to share that my office and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office in CD13, will be providing funds to improve the two medians on Verdugo Road between Eagle Rock Blvd and the SR 2Fwy. The two existing concrete medians will be replaced with trees and drought tolerant landscaping. These beautification services will be provided by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and we anticipate the work to begin this summer. I want to thank the GPIA and its members for their advocacy and support for this project.

Our Clean Communities Initiative Cleaning Crew has been active in Glassell Park, particularly on the major corridors, including Eagle Rock Blvd. and Verdugo Road. Crews have been conducting street sweeping, bulky item removal, and power washing to keep our streets clean. There has also been sidewalk repair and street resurfacing in the community, and we are happy to share that many Glassell Park streets will get needed tree trimming during the upcoming fiscal year. If you know a location that needs to be cleaned, or where a city service is needed, please call my field office.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Please stay safe!  
Sincerely,  
Councilmember José Huizar

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### From the GPNC

Glassell Park Neighborhood Council (GPNC) report from **GPNC President Karin Davalos**

Hello Amazing Glassell Park,  
At this time we find ourselves amidst a global pandemic, a national movement against racial injustice and many of our neighbors in great need!  
Utilizing the President's COVID 19 Fund we directed \$5,000 to go to EveryTable whose mission is to make nutritious, fresh food that is affordable and accessible to all. They will help us provide nutritious meals to our neighbors in need in Glassell Park.

The GPNC supported PESA (Parents, Educators/Teachers, Students in Action) to address issues of racism and hatred caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, by hosting online seminars and through the COVID-19 HERO Project with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000.

The GPNC wholeheartedly supported and sent a Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 20-0690 condemning the murder of George Floyd to the City of Los Angeles.

GPNC also supported Community Impact Statement for Council File 20-0692 regarding the proposed Los Angeles Police Department's Budget Cut and reinvesting that money in disadvantaged communities and communities of color.

**"YOU are my other Me! If I do harm to you, I do harm to myself, If I love and respect you, I love and respect myself."**

—Luis Valdez and Domingo Martinez Paredes

**Glassell Park Neighborhood Council**  
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[www.glassellparknc.org](http://www.glassellparknc.org) (see pg. 10)

## 2020 GPNC FLASH CLEANUP!

**July 18, 2020**  
**Crestmoore Steps**  
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  
Crestmoore Steps just off Verdugo Road

**August 15, 2020**  
**Verdugo Village**  
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  
Verdugo Road and York Blvd.  
**WITH BULKY ITEM ROUND-UP**

**September 19, 2020**  
**2 Freeway Ramps / Underpass / Median**  
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  
Verdugo Road at Roderick Road

**October 17, 2020**  
**San Fernando Road / Ribet Academy**  
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  
San Fernando Road at 2 Freeway

**November 14, 2020**  
**North Glassell Park Monument**  
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  
Eagle Rock Blvd. at York Blvd.

### Virtual Flash Clean-up—where are my keys? by Jim Kiehl

On May 16th, the actual clean-up was to be at the South Monument so that is where Carlos and I went. He pulled weeds and I picked up trash. In the process of loading the car I dropped the car key. It took almost ten minutes but a black key on the black interior of the car is hard to find. In the end we got two large bags of trash and weeds removed from the monument. Patra's Burgers had an employee out to clean their parking lot and adjacent planters as we were working. Thanks Patra's for being a good neighbor.

We then went to water the at-risk trees by Glassell Park Elementary School, the Avenue 35 to 36 median on Eagle Rock Blvd. and the North & Central monument plant beds. Many neighbors worked on getting ready for the June 1 Fire Department Brush clearance inspection. A lot of cleaning work was done in our neighborhood on May 16th.

### California Towhee by Susan Streater

Have you seen these plain, brown birds in Glassell Park? They are the California Towhee (*Melospiza crissalis*). They have no obvious markings, just plain brown all over. When seen up close you may notice rusty brown color under the tail, and a buff colored bib on the throat. Males and females look alike. They only make two sounds—the most frequent is a loud, single note: "tink". They also emit a sound when moving toward each other, that could be described as a "vibrating echo". They measure nine inches from tip of bill to end of tail.

Towhees forage for seeds and insects, often scratching the ground with both feet simultaneously. This action can be noisy, leading you to think there is a large animal or person moving through the leaf litter. They are usually seen close to the ground, but will perch on wires or rooftops. Their loud chirp is likely to be the first bird sound you hear at sunrise, and the last one you hear as night falls.

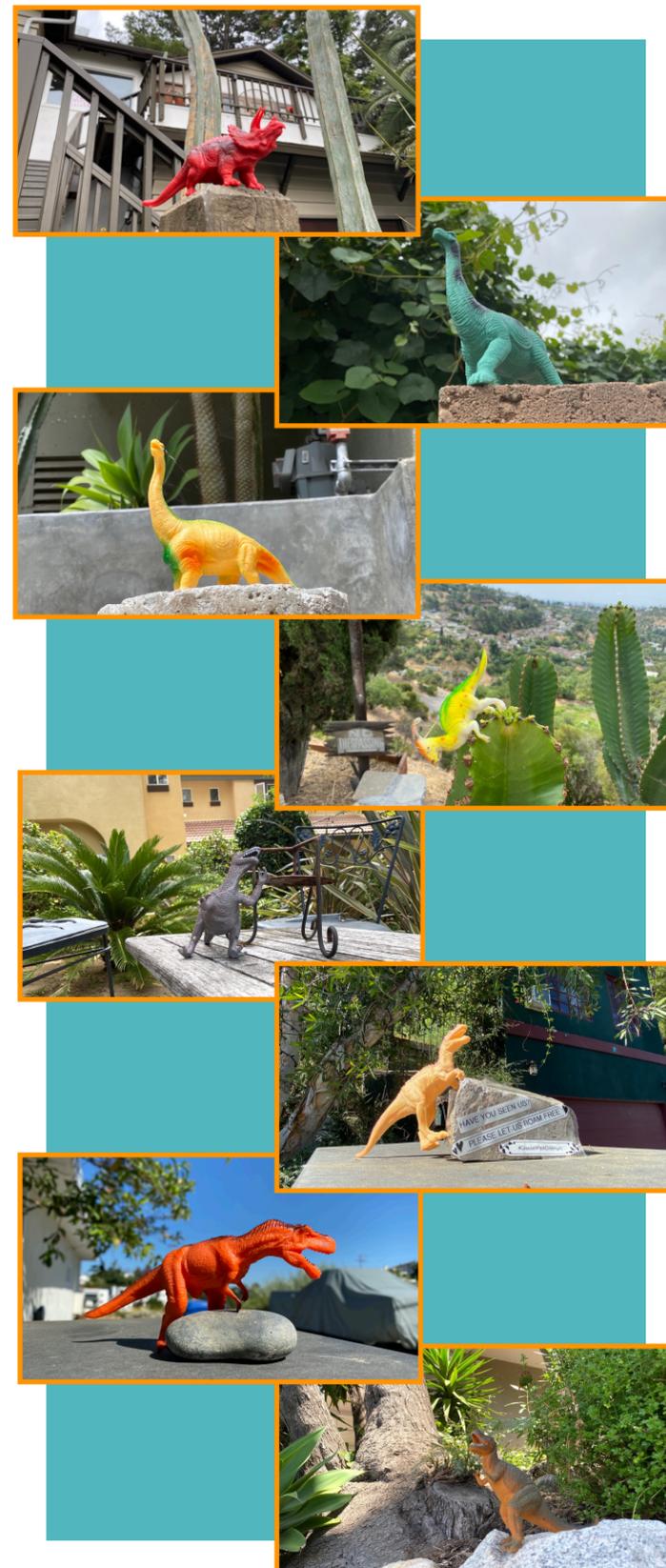
The six species of towhee in North America are the largest birds in the sparrow family. California Towhees are numerous throughout California and the Baja California Peninsula. Older bird field guides call it "Brown Towhee", but more recent books separate Brown Towhee into two species—California Towhee in the coastal area, and Canyon Towhee in desert regions.



Photo by Susan Streater

Join the Flash Cleanup team!  
Go to [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org) or email [jimkiehl@earthlink.net](mailto:jimkiehl@earthlink.net)

### Seen around Glassell "Plastic-Jurassic" Park photos by Adam Davis and Suzan Olson-Davis



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GLASSELL PARK LOS ANGELES

### 100 Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) approved \$10 million in grants for a new public open space along the eastern bank of the L.A. River, much of which is in Glassell Park.

The project, called Paseo de Rio, is the first of the new "100 Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard", a joint effort of the City of Los Angeles, the State Parks Department and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

The new entity hopes to build 100 acres of green space in Glassell Park combining our Rio de Los Angeles State Park with the Bowtie and the G2 parcels to create 100 acres of open space.

The Paseo del Rio will be an "early activation river edge access project", and will stretch along both the Bowtie and G2 parcels at Taylor Yard., providing more than one mile of contiguous riverfront public access. Planning will begin soon, and may include trails, water quality features, kayak launching points, parking and signage.

For more information, email: [info@100AcrePartnership.org](mailto:info@100AcrePartnership.org)



Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

# BE THE CHANGE!

## Make A Difference in Your Community!

We are now having Zoom Virtual Board and Committee Meetings.

Now is the time to Join Us!

Thank you to everyone who continues to keep  
 #GlassellParkStrong by consciously supporting local businesses,  
 helping housed and unhoused neighbors, and  
 thinking of the big picture.



To learn more about events, view agendas, find committees to join, and to help build the GPNC Community! Visit:  
[www.glassellparknc.org](http://www.glassellparknc.org) / email: [board@glassellparknc.org](mailto:board@glassellparknc.org) /  
 phone: (323) 379-4510

Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.   



### Los Angeles alternatives to calling 911

As has become increasingly apparent, law enforcement can be deadly & dangerous to our neighbors of color. Here are some ways to get help without involving police:

#### Mental Health Resources

- PMRT (Psychiatric Mobile Response Team): is a County service that performs evaluations for individuals at risk of harming themselves or others. Call 213-351-2813.
- Crisis Hotline: is a County Dept. of Mental Health 24 hour daily psychiatric mobile response & provides access to services for anyone experiencing any kind a psychiatric issue. Call 800-854-7771
- Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Hotline: provides confidential support for those in distress. The national number is 800-273-TALK (8255). For Spanish speakers, the number is 888-628-9454.

#### Youth Resources

- Boys and Girls Town National Abuse Hotline: 800-448-3000
- California Youth Crisis Hotline: 800-843-5200
- Child Abuse Hotline: 800-540-4000

#### Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Resources

- Domestic violence/Sexual assault hotline: 800-339-3940
- Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-978-3600
- Los Angeles Rape & Battering hotline: 213-626-3393
- Stalking resource center: 855-484-2846

#### People Experiencing Homelessness Resources

- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority: 800-548-6047
- Hotline: 213-225-6581

#### LGBTQ+ Resources

- Trans Lifeline: 877-565-8860
- The Trevor Project: 877-565-8860

#### Substance Use Resources

- Los Angeles Substance Use Hotline: 844-804-7500
- SAMHSA's National Helpline: 800-662-4357

#### Elder Resources

- Elder Abuse Hotline: 800-992-1660
- Adult Protective Services: 833-401-0832

#### Warm Line

- 855-952-9276 is a toll-free number anyone in Los Angeles County can call for free support and guidance coping with stresses and crises that arise in daily living. Issues may be mental illness, substance abuse, loneliness, family relations, bereavement and suicidal feelings. All calls are confidential. The phone line is staffed by trained peer mentors, and is not an emergency number.

### Glassell Park's Law Enforcers:

#### Neighborhood Prosecutor

**Gabrielle Taylor**

213-978-7878 or email [gabrielle.taylor@lacity.org](mailto:gabrielle.taylor@lacity.org)

#### LAPD Senior Lead Officers

**Luis Reyes**

213-793-0758 or email [33184@lapd.online](mailto:33184@lapd.online)

**Fernando Ochoa**

213-793-0759 or email [25743@lapd.online](mailto:25743@lapd.online)

### A Few Handy Phone Numbers:

Abandoned Vehicles	800-222-6366
Abandoned Shopping Carts	800-252-4613
Animal Services	888-452-7381
Blocked Driveways	213-485-4184 x2
Fire Dept (non-emergency)	213-485-6250
Gas Leaks	800-427-2200
Graffiti removal	800-675-4357
LAPD (non-emergency)	877-ASK-LAPD
Poison Control	800-876-4766
Rape Hotline	310-392-8381
Restraining Order	213-974-5587
Sanitation/Trash/Recycling	800-773-2489
Street Resurfacing/Potholes	800-996-2489
Tree Trimming	800-996-2489
Water & Power	800-342-5397

### In an emergency call 9-1-1

For all city services, call **3-1-1**, or use **MyLA311** app

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## JOIN the GPIA!

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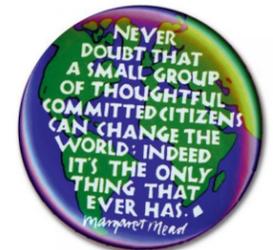
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Please send this form, along with your check, to: GPIA / P.O. Box 65881 / Los Angeles, CA 90065

OR go to: [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org) to join online OR bring the form and a check or credit card to our next meeting!

### Neighborhood information at hand:

#### City Council Field Offices

##### Council District 1

Gil Cedillo  
3750 Verdugo Road  
L.A., CA 90065  
323-341-5671

##### Council District 13

Mitch O'Farrell  
1722 Sunset Blvd  
L.A., CA 90026  
213-207-3015

##### Council District 14

José Huizar  
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L.A., CA 90041  
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#### 2020 GPIA Board

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##### Street Trees & Sidewalks / Flash Cleanups Chair

Jim Kiehl

#### Upcoming Events

For the latest information and up-to-date events schedule, go to the GPIA's website: [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org)

##### July 4

Independence Day

##### July 7

ARC meeting with presentation by High Speed Rail, 7pm, see pg 4

##### July 8

High Speed Rail Public Hearing, 3pm, info at [www.hsr.ca.gov](http://www.hsr.ca.gov), see pg 4

##### July 9

No July GPIA meeting

##### July 18

Flash Cleanup! Keeping social distance, 8-8:45am, Crestmoore Steps, see page 8

##### July 21

GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, via Zoom, see pg 10

##### August 12

GPIA Board meeting, via Zoom, 7pm

##### August 15

Flash Cleanup!, Keeping social distance, 8-8:45am, Verdugo Village with **BULKY ITEM ROUNDUP**, see page 8

##### August 18

GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, via Zoom, see pg 10

All meetings and events are at Glassell Park Community & Senior Center 3750 N. Verdugo Road unless otherwise noted.

*Taking pride in our community since 1968! Join today!*

Help the GPIA grow! Ask a neighbor to join!

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