

SEPTEMBER 2013

GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWS

GPIA Annual Dinner will be October 19



Please see inserted invitation for details and a reservation form.

Note the new date!

Wednesday, September 18th

Meet our new representatives!

From the Mayor's office:
East Area Representative

Patricia Alarcón

From CD1:

Deputy District Director

Jose Rodriguez

From CD13:

Field Deputy

Adam Bass

From the LAPD:

Senior Lead Officer

Frank Serrano

WEDNESDAY
18!

The GPIA General Membership meeting is **September 18th**.

To keep in touch between meetings, join us on **Facebook**:
GPIA-Glassell Park Improvement Association

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 9/18/13 ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held

Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at 7pm

at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center

3750 N. Verdugo Road, L.A. 90065



The Community Center is located behind the Public Storage building.

The parking lot entrance is on Verdugo Road between the Public Storage building and the Glassell Park Recreation Center pool.

What’s going on in Glassell Park?

- ✓ **New Senior Lead Officer for Glassell Park**
LAPD Officer Frank Serrano is the new Senior Lead Officer for Glassell Park. He can be reached at 213-793-0758, at the NE station at 323-344-5701, or by email at 34668@lapd.lacity.org
- ✓ **2013 Congress of Neighborhood Councils set**
Neighborhood Council leaders from throughout the City of LA partnered with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ([EmpowerLA](http://EmpowerLA.org)) to bring the [2013 LA Congress of Neighborhoods](#) to City Hall on Saturday, September 28, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The free event includes breakfast and lunch, workshops, networking and the opportunity to connect with local and state leadership as well as the city departments that deliver city services.
- ✓ **OK to park at broken parking meters again**
The Los Angeles City Council overturned a policy that allowed vehicles parked at broken or inoperable parking meters to be ticketed. The original policy was intended to discourage drivers from vandalizing meters in order to park free. The City Council will revisit the decision in six months to see if vandalism has increased.
- ✓ **Councilmember Huizar Chair of PLUM**
Councilmember Jose Huizar of CD14, was named Chairperson of the City’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM). The powerful committee is highly influential on matters such as hillside development.
- ✓ **Cost goes up for freeway tunnel repairs**
The estimated cost of repairs to the tunnel connecting the northbound 2 freeway to the northbound 5 freeway has increased to \$16.5 million according to Caltrans. Damage was caused by a tanker truck that caught fire in the tunnel on July 13th. Caltrans will need to repair walls, columns, outrigger beams and pavement. The tunnel is scheduled to reopen by Christmas.
- ✓ **Parkway edible gardening gets a reprieve**
Councilmember Herb Wesson has introduced a motion that would allow planting residential parkways with food crops, but processing of the motion is going slowly. In the meantime, Mayor Garcetti and the City Council have suspended enforcement of the current prohibition until a report is presented to the Council.
- ✓ **Patricia Alarcón is Mayor’s “East Area” representative**
Mayor Eric Garcetti chose Patricia Alarcón to represent his office in Glassell Park. Ms. Alarcón can be reached at patricia.alarcon@lacity.org
- ✓ **Free spay/neuter for homeless/feral cats**
FixNation provides free spay & neuter services for cats free of charge. More info: <http://fixnation.org/about-tnr/feral-cat-programs/>
- ✓ **Aquacise in new schedule at Glassell Park pool**
Water exercise classes are offered at the GP pool on Monday & Wednesday evenings at 6pm. The new pool schedule is: 6-8am lap swim, 1-6pm recreation swim (several lanes for lap swim), 6-7pm lap swim.
- ✓ **Citrus quarantine**
Agriculture officials imposed quarantines in nine California counties including Los Angeles, restricting the transport of citrus trees after the Asian psyllid was found. The psyllids are still multiplying, however, so experts are going door-to-door, getting permissions, then releasing tiny parasitic wasps that feed exclusively on psyllids.

More Glassell Park updates on pages 6 and 7....



Dear GPIA Members,

Once again, I cannot believe summer is almost over!

Thankfully, because we are lucky to live in LA, summer is never really over for us and the GPIA has ongoing projects to pursue, rain or shine. Included is the bus shelter for the transportation junction at our South Monument, we also need the city to fix the irrigation system there, before we replant the garden at our monument. We heard a rumor that the GPNC was considering supporting us with some funding for that area, and we will certainly appreciate it!

We have very limited resources, partly because we keep our membership fee low, and partly because so many who receive our newsletter do not pay dues....please consider that your membership contribution really goes a long way to sustaining us--and I hope that you think we are worthwhile to support. Some of the projects on our list include the Walnut Canyon Preserve, the Moss Canyon Community Arbor and staying in touch with developments around Glassell Park.

Fall means it is also that time of year for our Anniversary Dinner--we always have a good time at TAIX and hope to see you there!!

Sincerely yours,
Alisa

GPIA 45th Anniversary Dinner



Please join members, friends and guests at Taix Restaurant on October 19 for dinner and drinks to celebrate another year of service to our community.
Details & reservation form on enclosed invitation

2014 GPIA Board

Will you consider being part of the GPIA as a board member next year?

All positions are open to current members:

**PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
IMPROVEMENT CHAIR
and
AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

Please email the GPIA at gpia90065@gmail.com and/or come to our September meeting and speak with Jim Kiehl or Janis McCarthy

Thank you!

Councilmember Cedillo re-appropriates Reyes’s LA River funds

The City Council approved Councilmember Gil Cedillo’s motion to shift \$500,000 that was just recently appropriated by former Councilmember Ed Reyes for Los Angeles River related projects to a fund that will be used to “address community needs in Council District One”.

In a statement supporting the motion, Mr. Cedillo’s office said, “Council District One has identified alternate community priorities for these funds.” The Councilmember will complete his “listening tour” before providing details about how the funds will be used.



Army Corps of Engineers study of L.A. River due at last

On September 20th, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to release a long-delayed feasibility study focussing on an 11 mile length of the Los Angeles River stretching between Union Station and Griffith Park. Three alternatives aimed at restoring the river’s ecosystem and easing access to the river’s banks are being considered.

The cheapest option, at \$444 million, Alternative 13 calls for concrete removal and ecological restoration at several key sites including the Taylor Yard complex on the east side of the river near Glassell Park.

Alternative 16, with an estimated price tag of \$774 million, would widen the river to accommodate terracing on much of its eastern bank (from roughly Los Feliz Boulevard downstream to Fletcher Drive) and redevelop the so-called Piggyback Yard, a site that is owned by Union Pacific Railroad and covers 125 acres across the river from Union Station.

Endorsed by the City Council, Alternative 20, at \$1.06 billion, would, in addition to those changes, provide new connections to the L.A. State Historic Park near Chinatown, and fund substantial ecosystem restoration where the river meets a tributary near the border of L.A. and Glendale.

For the cheapest, Alternative 13, the city would have to bear more than 70% of the total cost, including land value. Each of the other options would come with more federal money, closer to a 50-50 split.

A 45-day period of public comment will follow, giving river advocates and city officials a chance to argue for the more expansive vision of Alternative 20, if that is not selected.

Councilmember Jose Huizar accused of harassment

A complaint was filed against Councilmember Jose Huizar and the City of Los Angeles by Mr. Huizar’s former Deputy Chief of Staff, Francine Godoy. In her complaint, Ms. Godoy, who left the Council office four months ago, said she experienced discrimination, harassment and retaliation because of her gender and her refusal to “engage in sex”. The complaint also alleges that Ms. Godoy was denied a promotion, forced to quit, and hindered in her ability to run for office.

City Council President Herb Wesson has instructed the city’s Personnel Department to assemble the Special Committee on Investigative Oversight to look into the misconduct complaint.

Rick Coca, a spokesperson for Councilmember Huizar, said that the Councilmember “strongly and emphatically denies the assertions made in the claim sent to the city and intends to fully cooperate with the city in any investigation of this matter.”

City Attorney Mike Feuer backs neighborhood prosecutors

City Attorney Mike Feuer says he wants to revitalize the neighborhood prosecutor program in which members of his office would work with community members to identify problems where use of the law could help.



Reports from the State Capitol and the Mayor’s office

California Senate District 22
report from
Senator Kevin de León

Dear Neighbors,

The end of the Legislative session is approaching and as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee I’m focused on analyzing which legislation is fiscally prudent for the state during our economic recovery.

Since last year’s passage of my Senate Bill 1201, which made the LA River more accessible for recreational and educational purposes, the health and revitalization of the river has continued to be a major priority for my office. We’re currently involved in discussions between Metrolink, community members, and other elected officials, regarding health concerns from exposure to diesel exhaust and other particulate matter. Metrolink has responded to these concerns by commissioning a Health Risk Assessment (HRA) of the “Taylor Yard” Central Maintenance Facility. I have been convening all the parties involved to review the scope of work of the HRA and to give input on the methodology, implementation and parameters so that we can further develop and foster a great river community in Northeast L.A.

Save the Dates, I hope to see you soon:

Wednesday, September 4th, 3:00-5:30 p.m. for a healthcare briefing about the Affordable Care Act. Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Auditorium

Friday, October 18th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a Job Fair at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1366 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles, CA 90007

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State Assembly District 51
report from
Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez

Recess in the district came to an end, and just as students returned to school, I’ve returned to the legislative session.

The Legislature reconvened on August 5th, and since then, I have been reviewing and voting on as many as 200 bills a day. And as these bills make it to Governor Brown’s desk, I am proud to share that the Governor has signed AB 238, which I authored in an effort to give law enforcement tools to fight domestic violence in our communities. AB 238 will ensure that all Emergency Protective Orders (EPO’s) are entered into the California Restraining and Protection Order System, electronically. Having EPO’s in this database will give officers the ability to act more quickly and prevent domestic violence.

In the district, my team is busy with preparations for our upcoming Health Fair in East LA (Sept. 21st) and Northeast LA (Oct. 19th). Please join me and the 70 service providers who will be waiting for you! I want to make sure you get access to critical information on how the Affordable Care Act, through **Covered CA**, will impact you and your family. Join us for free: vision screenings, dental screenings, medical checkups, dental kits, nutritional information, and more.

Thank you to all of those who continue to stay in touch with me and my team.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

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From the office of
Los Angeles
Mayor Eric Garcetti

The first couple months as Mayor have been eventful. Since he took office in July, the Mayor has asked all department general managers to reapply for their jobs in an effort to drive improvements in our city departments and create a new way of doing business at City Hall with an emphasis on accountability and customer service.

Additionally, the Mayor stood firm on DWP reform so that the next DWP contract will result in substantial savings for ratepayers through salary and benefit reforms and the ability to reform the department on an ongoing basis.

Keeping in-line with his effort to change the face of City Hall, the Mayor has also announced new leaders of several important city commissions including the Board of Public Works, the Police Commission, the Fire Commission, the Board of Harbor Commissioners, and the Los Angeles World Airport Commission.

The Mayor has also been hiring his staff including an East Area Representative – which includes Glassell Park - Ms. Patricia Alarcón. Patricia arrives at City Hall with 10 years of experience as a community advocate. Most recently, she worked in the University of Southern California’s Office of Local Government Relations. Patricia will be busy reaching out to the people and organizations that make their home in Glassell Park. GPIA News readers are encouraged to get to know Ms. Alarcón.

GPIA News readers are also encouraged to follow the Mayor on [facebook.com/garcetti](https://www.facebook.com/garcetti), Twitter @LAMayorsOffice, or email at Mayor.Garcetti@lacity.org.

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Council Districts Reports

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

Dear Friends,

My staff and I appreciate the warm welcome we have received from Glassell Park. I have always found it valuable to listen then lead so I launched in late July the Cedillo Listening Tour that is stopping in communities across the district to have community breakout group discussions on public safety, economic development, arts and culture, and the environment. I am overwhelmed by the discussions and community energy to make changes that improve our quality of life in Council District 1.

The Cedillo Listening Tour will be hearing from the communities of Glassell Park and Cypress Park together at a location and date to be announced soon for sometime in late September or October.

My district office at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center is handling constituent calls and office appointments on a range of issues from bulky item pick up request and community cleanliness to adding bus benches for seniors and speed limit signs. I have asked my staff to respond to constituent calls and emails in a timely manner in order to resolve your concerns.

I also am happy to announce my committee appointments and welcome your ideas on issues in these committees:

Chair, Housing Committee
Member, Arts, Parks, Health, Aging & River Committee
Member, Economic Development
Member, Planning and Land Use Management
Member, Public Works & Gang Reduction

Please contact my office (323) 341-5671 for assistance to keep our district moving forward making it #1.

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

What an exciting first few weeks we’ve had in the 13th District! Team O’Farrell got to work on Day 1 serving the communities of this district.

We have already been out and about in Glassell Park. My field deputy for the area, Adam Bass, attended the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council to introduce himself. He toured the area with the Senior Lead Officer to identify problems, as well as opportunities, to help bring a positive change to the neighborhood.

This month, Team O’Farrell will join forces with local community leaders in holding a neighborhood clean-up and community event. The Bureau of Street Services will be on hand to pick up bulky items, clean up the graffiti, and generally spruce up the neighborhood.

I am committed to being active and engaged in the community, and you are welcome and encouraged to call my office at any time. My staff understands my commitment to community service, and we’re here to make Glassell Park and the rest of the 13th District an even better place to live.

If you have questions about our next community event, please contact my Community Organizer Sylvan de la Cruz at 323.957.4500 or sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org

For any other issues in Glassell Park, please contact my Field Deputy Adam Bass at 323.957.4500 or adam.bass@lacity.org

Thank you again for putting this trust in me to be your representative on the City Council. I’m excited about my special relationship with the people of the great 13th District.

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Council District **14** report from
Lauren Ballard
Field Deputy for
Councilmember **José Huizar**

Over 50 community members came out to Burbank Middle School for the first York Park Planning Workshop. After listening to a presentation by Council District 14 and the Department of Recreation & Parks (RAP), attendees broke out into 10 groups to develop basic concepts for the future park. In addition to the features required by the grant, community members came up with many things to add to the park, from an amphitheater to a water play pump for kids. At the end of the workshop, attendees voted on the top three basic concepts. RAP will be drawing up these basic concepts and presenting them at the next meeting. The community will then be able to flesh out the details for each, modify features, and more.

This September, the LA County Bike Coalition is offering classes on bike safety for an increasingly bike-friendly Los Angeles. These classes encourage bikers to share the road responsibly and respectfully with all travelers, thereby improving the safety of all. Our Northeast Field Office is hosting one of these classes, “Bicycling on the Road,” on Saturday, September 14 from 10 AM-1 PM. If you are unable to make it, please see the Metro website for complete list of classes: <http://www.metro.net/bikes/bikes-metro/upcoming-bike-metro-events/>

Saturday, September 21st is the Glassell Park Pride Day Clean Up. If you would like to organize a cleanup in the Verdugo Village area, please contact Field Deputy Lauren Ballard at Lauren.ballard@lacity.org or (323) 254-5295.

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Cell tower/Community marker

The much discussed and long-awaited Verizon cell tower alongside the San Fernando Road offramp of the northbound 2 Freeway is complete. Though the new community marker is an example of what a little creativity and a lot of community input can achieve; at this location, an undisguised cell tower would have been almost unnoticeable. It’s just as well that there is no clock on it, since the structure is mostly hidden from the freeway by large trees, and is almost invisible from surrounding streets. The modified Art Deco design successfully disguises the cell tower, but--unless there is a tree-trimming and the promised “up lighting” materializes--does nothing to welcome visitors to Glassell Park.



Verdugo Rancho Market



The Verdugo Rancho Market on the corner of Verdugo Road and Arthur Street, burned almost completely on August 4th. Luckily, the fire occurred after the market had closed for the day, and no one was injured in the blaze. The Los Angeles Fire Department has completed its investigation, and says the cause of the fire is “undetermined, most probably accidental”. An LAFD investigator said they have ruled out arson. The owner intends to rebuild the market.

Glassell Park Elementary School needs new flags

The U.S. and California state flags located near the corner of Cazador Street and Cypress Road on the Glassell Park Elementary School campus are faded and very tattered. GPIA Board member and U.S. Navy Veteran, Mark Quiroz, will spearhead the effort to obtain new flags and provide the school’s staff and students with guidance on flag-related protocols.



Councilmember Cedillo backs Southwest Museum



After speaking with community members from Mt. Washington on the first stop of his “Listening Tour”, and hearing the results of their discussion groups, Councilmember Gil Cedillo found that the restoration and reopening of the Southwest Museum is the area’s most important issue. The meeting’s results were summarized in an e-Letter from the Councilmember’s office: “Residents would like to see the gem in CD1 open and accessible to the community once again. Councilmember Cedillo ensured [sic] attendees that he understood the importance of the museum to Mt. Washington and the surrounding communities, and asked for their patience as this battle will not be won overnight. Nonetheless, it’s a battle he is willing and ready to wage.”

Councilmember O’Farrell calls for Van de Kamps transition

Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell sent a letter to the Los Angeles City College District Board of Trustees urging them to work with his office and the community to facilitate a transition of the Van de Kamps campus from its “temporary leasing activity” to its intended purpose--“an innovative mix of community service courses, workforce training, and academic core courses”. In his letter, Councilmember O’Farrell offered to help Alliance Charter School, the current tenant, find a permanent location. The Van de Kamps Coalition encourages community members and leaders to speak up in support of Councilmember O’Farrell’s effort, and tell the Board of Trustees that we expect the community college bond funds that we approved to be spent in the way they were intended.



For more information, go to : www.vandekamps.org

3901 Eagle Rock Boulevard



Progress is being made on the construction of 52 new homes on Eagle Rock Blvd. in Glassell Park. Model homes should be complete and ready for viewing in early 2014. There will be 7 buildings on the site, each with 2 to 16 homes in them. All units will have 2-car garages. According to the builder, Warmington Residential, signage about the construction will be on the fences in early September.

Community Pride Day cleanup event



Saturday, September 21st, Glassell Park residents, business owners, students and representatives will participate in the 3rd Annual Community Pride Day Cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the Community & Senior Center at 3750 N. Verdugo Road at 8am. This event is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and spend a few hours giving our streets and sidewalks a fresh appearance. Please consider contributing some time and effort to improve Glassell Park.

Murals once again allowed on private property

The Los Angeles City Council voted 13-2 in favor of overturning a 10-year ban on murals within the city. Since the ordinance did not pass unanimously, a second vote will be required. The new ordinance would allow non-commercial murals to be created throughout the city. Councilmember Huizar, who sponsored the ordinance, pushed for support of a version of the ordinance that allowed murals on single-family homes, but that version did not pass. The Department of Cultural Affairs will consider a pilot program that would allow murals on single family homes in CDs 1 and 14. City officials will draft an opt-in process for neighborhoods to allow murals on homes.



Demolition ordinance proposed



Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, CD13, introduced a motion that would require public notice and feedback prior to property demolition. The motion states: “Demolition permits are issued without a public process. When a property owner decides to demolish an existing structure, it can significantly change the character of the surrounding community. There is no recourse for community stakeholders who are concerned about the character of their community because they do not have the opportunity to be involved in a public process prior to demolition.” The motion, if approved by the City Council, would require the Building and Safety Department to develop a public notification process—including the posting of signs 30 days before tear downs are scheduled to begin. In addition, fees would be charged to cover enforcement of any new regulations overseeing the demolition process.

Goodwill to bring multi-use facility to K-Mart site

Goodwill of Southern California will create a Community Enrichment Center at the long-vacant K-Mart building on San Fernando Road near Fletcher Drive. In a statement, Goodwill said that at the Center, “individuals with disabilities and disadvantages will access free career counseling and placement services, employment preparation courses, and educational and technical skills classes”. Residents and businesses will be able to donate unwanted items and utilize services such as e-waste recycling, secure shredding and document imaging. There will be a retail store and clearance center, and a training café for dining. Community organizations and government agencies will be welcome to utilize the facility for meetings and events.”



Walnut Canyon



Walnut Canyon is one of the largest open spaces in Northeast Los Angeles. The 32 acres of hillside land in Glassell Park is mostly grassland and California Black Walnut woodlands, and is home to abundant wildlife including hawks, owls, various migratory birds as well as raccoons, skunks and coyotes. It has been a longtime goal of the GPIA to protect and preserve Walnut Canyon as a natural wildlife habitat for all to enjoy. It’s time to try again! The benefits of green space cannot be exaggerated--even residents who never visit will breathe cleaner air from the oxygen-producing plant life. In the case of Walnut Canyon, the benefits to the community are many: hiking trails, bird-watching, nature study, open space within the city. The preserve would also provide a wildlife corridor linking other preserved areas.

Please call upon State Senator Kevin deLeón, Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez, County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Mayor Eric Garcetti and our Councilmembers to energetically support the acquisition of Walnut Canyon as public open space.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The GPIA is happy to welcome our newest member.

Priscilla Amelia Quiroz

born July 15th to

Mark Quiroz & Maggie Darett-Quiroz and big sister, Paulina Quiroz

Sit down restaurants in Glassell Park (continued)

As promised in the July issue, here are some options for sit-down Mexican/Central American dining in GP:

La Esquina Restaurant & Meat Market

Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Parking lot, credit cards OK
4159 Eagle Rock Blvd (at Av 42)
323-474-6050
3301 Division St (at Av 33)
323-221-1571

At the corner of Avenue 33 and Division, in what was a neighborhood corner drug store in days of yore, is La Esquina. La Esquina is the corner restaurant and market every neighborhood in Los Angeles might want, and Glassell Park's got it. Open early and until 7pm, it is the ideal place to run out to when you need to grab a last minute onion for a recipe you're making, marinated carne asada to throw on the grill for last minute guests, a quick cup of cafe de olla, a tasty pupusa smothered in a spicy, tangy, crunchy curtido (just a \$1.25!), a cold horchata, or a \$4.50 veggie burrito (which always includes avocado at no extra charge). La Esquina specializes in Salvadorean and Mexican food. Other dishes include platanos fritos con crema, breakfast burritos, daily specials including soups, and an occasional Friday night taco grill in the summer which brings out the neighborhood for \$1 tacos.

A friend visiting from NYC enjoyed the tortas and huevos rancheros in the mornings along with cafe de olla while she stayed with me, and picking up mineral water on our walks in the neighborhood with my dog. Check out the menu outside and then place your order inside from store owner Miguel at the register, who gives you a ticket and passes your order off to the kitchen. Then show your ticket to the women at the window, grab a seat at one of the outdoor tables for two, take some time to look around at picturesque Mt. Washington above you, and people watch as the neighborhood goes by and others from all walks of life enjoy their food. La Esquina has been in the neighborhood for over 20 years, and for good reason.

Addendum: A new sit-down location also exists at the corner of Eagle Rock Blvd and Avenue 42, across the street from Fresh and Easy.

--Maryam Hosseinzadeh

La Cocina

Lunch, dinner
3322 Verdugo Rd (in mini-mall at Arthur St)
323-257-8717

Hidden within a decent Mexican restaurant is a secret Indian menu. Just the basics--a variety of meat curries and vegetable sides, but a rare a delightful find in NELA.

--Elizabeth Gallardo

El Pescador

Breakfast, lunch dinner, beer & wine
Parking lot, credit cards OK
2910 Division (at Av 30)
323-223-8866

El Pescador offers a full menu of Mexican food, and has been serving the community for 30 years! As its name suggests, the focus is on seafood of all kinds.

Tacos La Fonda

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, beer & wine
Parking lot, NO credit cards
2135 N. San Fernando Rd (at Cazador, next to 76 gas station)
323-221-0313

Tacos La Fonda might be unexpectedly located in a gas station parking lot, but when you walk in it is oh-so-charming. Red and white checkered vinyl table cloths, bright blue walls, a jukebox, flags above, beer in refrigerators that line the walls, and packs of people eating large glasses of coctel de ceviche set this place apart from other local taco spots. Tacos are good, mariscos are good, service is friendly, beer is cold, fish tacos, what more do you want, seriously? Place your order at the counter, and the waitress will bring your table a warm basket of chips and some spicy red salsa. This all lends it a very homey atmosphere and most reminds me of a seaside town in Baja, all along the banks of our very own body of water, the LA River. Once, a fellow patron was so moved by the music emanating from the jukebox that he broke out into song. I did not know the words, but it seemed to be about lost love. My heart was moved as I finished my meal, and never had I loved Glassell Park more.

--Maryam Hosseinzadeh



Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez visits with Marge Piane and Jim Kiehl at the GPIA's table at Lummis Day.

ADVERTISE in the GPIA NEWS

Advertise your business to over 300 households in Glassell Park! Your ad in the "Glassell Park Improvement Association News" will be targeted to consumers who care about their community and want to patronize and support our local businesses. Many sizes & rates are available--single issue or six consecutive issues, full color or black & white. For example, your black & white, business card-sized ad will run in six consecutive issues for \$125.00.

Email us at gpiaNews90065@gmail.com to request a rate sheet.

Members receive a 10% discount on all ads.

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)	213-485-6185
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

As always, in an emergency call 9-1-1

For all city services, call 3-1-1

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JOIN the GPIA!

Become engaged in our community! For your annual dues, you will receive our newsletter, invitations to our meetings & special events, and the opportunity to participate in our improvement projects.

The GPIA meets on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at 7pm at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center (3750 Verdugo Road, behind the Public Storage building & next to the Glassell Park Recreation Center).

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ (home / work / cell) (circle one)

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Individual membership (\$15)

☐ Senior (60+) (\$12)

☐ Household membership (\$25)

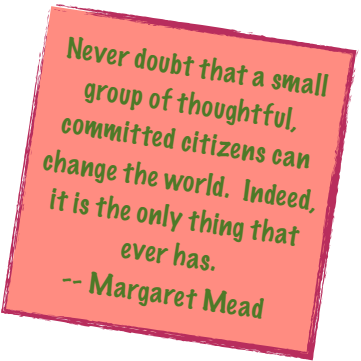
☐ Business membership (\$25)
- ☐ New membership

☐ Renewal membership

☐ Please email my newsletter

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

OR bring the completed form and your check to our next meeting!



Neighborhood information at hand:

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Upcoming Events

September 10
National TV Dinner Day

September 14 & October 12
NELA Art Walk, go to <http://nelaart.org>

September 21
Community Pride Day Cleanup, 8a-12n, meet at 3750 N.Verdugo Rd., see page 7, followed by:
GPIA membership drive
Join & let the GPIA buy you a beer! The Verdugo, 12 noon, info on page 7

September 28
Frogtown Artwalk, 4-10p, along Blake Av, <http://www.frogtownarts.com>

October 5
Eagle Rock Music Festival, 4-10p, Colorado Blvd., Eagle Rock, info at: <http://cfaer.org/eagle-rock-music-festival/get-involved/>

October 19
4th Annual Fletcher Square Block Party, 10a-2p, Estara Av/Chapman St

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