

SEPTEMBER/
OCTOBER 2015

GLASSELL PARK
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWS



The 47th Annual GPIA Anniversary Dinner is Saturday, October 10th, at The Coffee Table in Eagle Rock. See page 9 for details & invitation.

Law Enforcement Town Hall September 10th 7pm

Discuss neighborhood concerns with our new
**Northeast LAPD
Commander
Captain Arturo
Sandoval**
and
**Senior Lead Officer
Luis Reyes**



Pick up a free **milkweed seed** packet at the September meeting!

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

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 9/10/15 ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held
Thursday, Sept. 10th, 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.

What's going on in Glassell Park?

✓ **Want to improve your community?**

The Glassell Park Improvement Association will elect a new Board of Directors at the November meeting. Please consider volunteering to serve our community. Contact Jim Kiehl (jekiehl@earthlink.net) for information or to self-nominate. Only paid members are eligible to run and to vote—use the form on page 11 to join!

✓ **Congressman Xavier Becerra forgoes U.S. Senate bid**

The 34th Congressional District remains Congressman Xavier Becerra's focus as he announced that he will not seek to replace U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer. The Congressman is on many committees and feels he is "in a very strong place to lead".

✓ **Anniversary Dinner is October 10th**

It's the GPIA's 47th Anniversary, and we're celebrating at The Coffee Table in Eagle Rock! Please see page 9 for details

✓ **Wi-Fi at center**

Thanks to Binh Vuong, Frank Gonzalez, Carlos Octoman and, especially Mel Ilomin of CD1 for making wireless internet service available in the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center. The GPIA and our guests will make great use of it!

✓ **Saving local bees**

Tyson Kaiser of Sweet Bee Removal is not only a professional bee remover, but he is also a local beekeeper. Tyson keeps the bees he removes so they continue to provide pollination for our environment. If you have a bee infestation, there is an alternative. Call Tyson at 323-892-4170 or go to sweetbeeremoval.com

✓ **Cell tower update**

According to CD13, AT&T is still discussing the proposed replacement cell tower on Roswell Street near San Fernando Road.

✓ **Glassell Park underserved for trash pickups**

The L.A. Times reported that Northeast Los Angeles is among those "poorer areas" that receive the worst service for illegal dumping pickup from the City. In Glassell Park, the Times said 40% of requests are pending (open 30 days or more); whereas, sanitation workers responded to 99% of requests in other, wealthier, areas.

✓ **California State Parks Summer Art Contest**

The California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) invites Californians ages 4-18 to submit a poster that depicts why they think "California's State Parks are Great Places for You and Me". Submissions must be postmarked by September 8th. Full contest rules are at: <http://www.calparks.org/whatwedo/advocacy/youthartcontest/>

✓ **Reporting Water Wasting**

The new site, SaveWater.ca.gov, allows users to anonymously submit reports and photos of water waste.

✓ **7-Eleven & AutoZone opening in Fletcher Square**

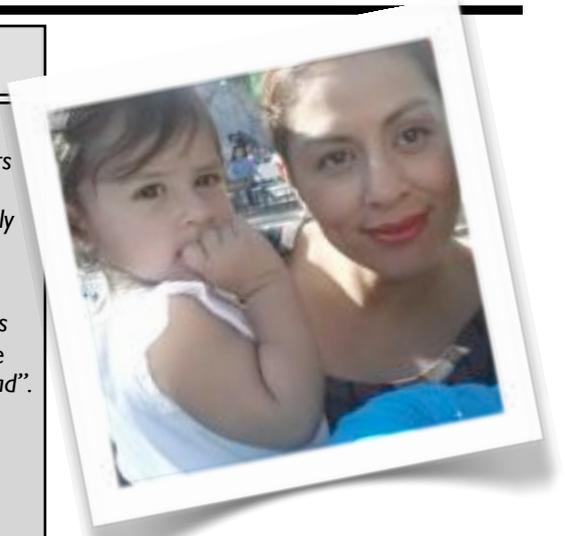
The construction happening at the former site of Shim's at San Fernando Road and Fletcher Drive is the future site of a new 7-Eleven store and relocation of the AutoZone that is now across the street. The GPIA and GPNC sent letters of support for the stores with certain recommendations to benefit the community such as limited hours of liquor sales, more extensive landscaping and a safer parking lot.

✓ **Tree-lined streets make us healthier**

According to a recent study, adding 10 trees to a single city block improves how healthy a person feels. Residents of neighborhoods with higher tree density are less likely to have hypertension, obesity and diabetes. Because the data only correlates living on a tree-lined street and good health, the study does not state that trees "cause" better health, but that they are "associated" with better health.

✓ **Jacarandas in medians on Eagle Rock Blvd. dying?**

The young jacaranda trees planted when Ed Reyes represented CD1, appear to be drought victims. Since the City stopped watering the grass in the medians, the trees have had no water and may not be established enough to survive.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, MAGGIE DARETT-QUIROZ

Happy Hot Summer!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer time. It has been a very hot summer and I would like to take the time to thank everyone that has made a difference in their community. I hope everyone has stayed safe, cool, and hydrated, but has been making efforts to conserve water, as California is in a very serious drought. As we are beginning to enter the fall season and children are going back to school, it is the perfect time to get involved in your community. As the weather will hopefully cool down, out-door community clean-ups will become more frequent and definitely more enjoyable. This past Summer season, we have had so many successful events and community clean-ups.

On August 1, 2015 our Glassell Park Community garden was given a free little library by the LAPD Northeast Division and Deputy City Attorney Gabrielle Taylor. The books were donated by LAPD and the Garden Nursery Childcare, located in Glassell Park. Giving children the opportunity to easily access books was quite an amazing way to celebrate the summer. We were also joined by our CD13 Councilmember, Mitch O'Farrell,

and several supporting organizations.

On August 04, 2015 the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council hosted the National Night out and Touch-a-Truck event. It was filled with families and the children enjoyed the numerous trucks.

On August 15, 2015 the GLASSELLAND was back in the community. Big thanks to Councilman Gilbert Cedillo for working with the artist Justin Stadel and the community I'm bringing back the sign.

CD1 Councilmember, Gilbert Cedillo, also held a Jazz Festival on August 22-23, which was a great success. Sycamore Park was filled with many Northeast Community Members and different organizations, which were providing information. It was a good weekend to enjoy the summer day, while listening to some great music. Thank you Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo and Police Commissioner, Sandra Figueroa-Villa, for another great event in the Northeast Community!

So you see folks there's so many things that anyone could get involved in making a difference in our Northeast community. If you're looking on how to make a difference in your community, getting involved in your community can be made possible by simply joining the GPIA, volunteering with us, or donating to our organization. Together we can make a difference. Please come and share your ideas. Please don't hesitate in contacting me at mdarett@sbcglobal.net or 323-788-1323.

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 47th Anniversary Dinner
 Saturday, October 10th
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GLASSELLAND is back!

Glassell Park artist Justin wrangled permission to install his GLASSELLAND artwork on the hill above the GP Recreation Center's baseball diamond. The sign can be seen from the grounds and by passersby on Verdugo Road. It will remain in place for six months while a more widely visible location is procured.



New Commander at Northeast LAPD Station



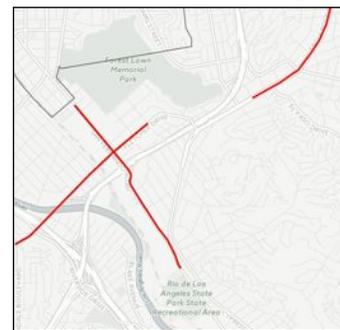
Captain III Arturo Sandoval is the new commander of LAPD's Northeast Division. During his 26 years with the police department, Capt. Sandoval has served in various divisions, most recently Rampart where he headed the gang and narcotics units. If Capt. Sandoval looks familiar, it's because this assignment is not his first at Northeast Divisions. The GPIA looks forward to working with new leadership at our local division.

"Oil Train" to roll through Glassell Park?

Phillips 66 plans to import highly explosive oil via 80-car trains running as many as 5 full trains each week along Union Pacific tracks through Los Angeles or cities east of San Francisco. In SoCal, trains would use tracks adjacent to the LA River, Rio de los Angeles State Park, Sotomayor Learning Academies in Glassell Park.



City focuses on "High Injury Network" of streets



As part of its "Vision Zero" plan, the City is targeting streets with a high concentration of severe injuries and/or deaths from collisions with an emphasis on those involving pedestrians or cyclists. In Glassell Park, those streets include San Fernando Road, Fletcher Drive and Eagle Rock Blvd. from Avenue 41 into Eagle Rock. The interactive online map also shows how these "High Injury Network" streets overlap with paths students use to go to and from schools. See <http://visionzero.lacity.org/high-injury-network/> for more information.

Donations bins proliferating and profiting

Large bins that collect clothing, shoes and books are common sights on sidewalks throughout Glassell Park and Los Angeles in general. The bins often overflow with such donations and attract other unwanted belongings like mattresses, old TVs and broken furniture. Some of the boxes are owned by charities, and others are owned by commercial recyclers that resell the donations for profit. In many cases they are placed on public sidewalks without permission--appearing over night. Some cities like Corona and Alhambra have banned the bins, but a recent ruling in Michigan has opened the door to overturning such bans.

Reports from the State Capitol & the Mayor's office

California Senate District 24 report from
Senator Kevin de León

Dear Neighbor,
I am excited to introduce Ben Pak, a great new addition to my staff and my new Field Deputy for the Glassell Park community.
Prior to joining our office, Ben worked as an Executive Director for a non-profit organization and was a leader in the senior care industry. In addition to serving as a primary point of contact for the residents and businesses of Glassell Park, Ben also covers the neighborhoods of Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Mt. Washington, Lincoln Heights, and Koreatown.

Although he was born in South Korea, Ben's parents immigrated to Chile, where he spent most of his early life. He can speak Spanish and Korean fluently. Ben came to California in 1983, attended Burbank High School, and graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Spanish Literature. He originally dreamt of being a teacher, but instead pursued a career in business and community activism. In his spare time, Ben volunteers as an LAPD Reserve Officer for Valley Traffic Division.

Ben can be reached at ben.pak@sen.ca.gov or 213-483-9300. Please join me in welcoming him to the neighborhood!



<http://sd24.senate.ca.gov>

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State Assembly District 51 report from
Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez

Dear Friends,
Over 12.7 million people are physically abused, raped or stalked by their partners in one year. That's approximately the population of New York City and Los Angeles combined. (www.nomore.org)

In California we don't wait, we act. That's why I authored and successfully passed Assembly Bill 2321, creating a specialized license plate to raise awareness for and fund domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout California.

Partnering with the national NO MORE campaign, a group who is nationally known for running a series of poignant ads during the 2015 Super Bowl to raise awareness against domestic violence and sexual assault, we created the first-in-the-nation California Says NO MORE license plate. License plate purchases will help fund a newly created domestic violence and sexual assault prevention fund, which will support domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts throughout the state.

By purchasing the California Says NO MORE license plate, you will help send real dollars to real programs that make a difference in the fight to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

Now it's up to you to make this historic program a success! Here's how:

- 1) Order your California Says NO MORE license plate today! Visit: www.NoMorePlate.org
 - 2) Tell your friends and family about the California Says NO MORE License Plate.
 - 3) Share our website on social media with the hashtag #NoMorePlate
- The California Says NO MORE license plate needs 7,500 orders to begin production. We need everyone's help to meet the goal. Purchase yours today and tell your friends and family!

If you have any questions related to Assembly Bill 2321, or The California Says NO MORE license plate program, please contact my office at (916) 319-2051.

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City of Los Angeles report from
Amanda Mejia, East Area Representative for
Mayor Eric Garcetti

I hope your summer was fantastic!

With students across Los Angeles heading back to school, Mayor Eric Garcetti is working to ensure that children have both safe streets and programs that help boost academic success.

Students learn better when they feel safe. That's why the L.A. Department of Transportation is a partner in Safe Routes to School. This partnership brings together volunteers, school district employees, and law enforcement — all working together to make sure kids can safely walk, bike or take mass transit to and from campus.

This fall, our office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) is building on the success of the Summer Night Lights program by launching "Friday Night Lights" at eight select parks across L.A. (location info to be released soon). By keeping the lights on late at our parks, we're able to reduce crime and give young people a safe place to learn and play.

Here's wishing all students a successful school year!

We're saving water! Since Mayor Garcetti signed Executive Directive No. 5 last October, directing L.A. city departments to lead the way on conservation efforts, residents and businesses have stepped up to the challenge.

Thanks to your commitment to reducing water use, and by taking advantage of conservation rebates offered by the Department of Water and Power (LADWP), you helped L.A. exceed the Mayor's initial goal of achieving 10 percent water reduction by July 1, 2015. In fact, we saved more than 13 percent!

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Council Districts Reports

Council District 1 report from Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo

Dear Friends,

Our ‘Keep It

Clean’ campaign keeps moving ahead. With your help reporting bulky items, we will ensure Glassell Park remains a community gem that makes us proud.

Our simple and easy in-home bulky item collection appointment system continues. I encourage everyone to schedule in-home bulky item pick-ups by calling [800-773-2489](tel:800-773-2489).

After months of work between my staff, the artist, and City departments we installed and unveiled the GLASSELLAND public art display at Glassell Park Recreation Center in a public space that is accessible for everyone to enjoy. A special thanks to the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council and Glassell Park Improvement Association for their support.

My staff and I participated with LAPD and LAFD Operations Central Bureaus and over 70 people from across Northeast LA, for the Days of Dialogue on the Future of Policing held in Glassell Park. This discussion highlighted the value and importance of civil and respectful expression of differences. Let’s continue this dialogue and strive for improved communication and relationships.

Team Cedillo and LAPD Northeast Division hosted the movie Paul Blart Mall Cop 2 at Glassell Park Recreation Center. Over 70 people, mostly kids attended, were treated to a free movie, snacks, and refreshments. Officers distributed LAPD/ LA Dodgers special edition baseball cards and coupons for a free 7-Eleven slurpee. Thanks to Film L.A., Super King Markets, and City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for serving as co-sponsors.

Please contact my office at [\(323\) 341-5671](tel:323-341-5671) for assistance to keep our district moving forward, making it #1.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Cedillo

Councilmember, 1st District

Council District 13 report from Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell

Friends:

As the Sunset Junction Pedestrian Improvement Project begins to wind down in Silver Lake, we will gear up for work to begin on the Fletcher Drive Streetscape Project. We recently planted 70 new trees along the street that is shared by Glassell Park and Atwater Village. I also funded the watering and maintenance of those trees moving forward. I want my constituents to enjoy a tree-lined street as they walk to the Farmers Market! Next year, residents will see crews making preparations for the installation of the medians and sidewalk improvements.

Over at the Community Garden, we unveiled a Little Free Library. There are more than 30,000 worldwide, and now there’s one stationed right here in Glassell Park on Drew Street. The goal of the installation is to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges. I want to thank garden organizer Maggie Darett-Quiroz for her work to build better neighborhoods, and City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor and GRYD Officer Vincenzo Averaimo for their unwavering commitment to making this happen.

Finally, Council President Herb Wesson announced our committee assignments for the new fiscal year. I will continue to serve as Chair of the Arts, Parks, LA River Committee, and have been named Vice-chair of the Health, Mental Health, and Education Committee, and will serve as a member of the Energy and Environment, Entertainment and Facilities, Public Safety, and the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committees. I have also been appointed to the ad hoc committee on the 2024 Summer Olympic Games. As a member of this committee, I will ensure any plan we agree to will result in a profitable, world-class event for the City of Angels.

It is truly a pleasure to serve my neighbors in Glassell Park!

Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell

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

Dear Glassell Park,

In a historic City Council vote that will help reduce traffic by giving people transportation options other than their cars, Councilmember José Huizar along with Councilmember Mike Bonin led efforts to adopt a 20-year mobility plan. The plan puts an emphasis on safety, while encouraging and supporting increased pedestrian, public transit and bicycle use in the City of Los Angeles.

“When it comes to transportation planning for the City of Los Angeles’ future, Mobility Plan 2035 represents a bold step forward that builds on the work we’ve been doing in recent years where we prioritize multimodal options beyond cars utilizing Complete Streets planning,” said Councilmember Huizar. “While the automobile remains a vital part of our transportation future, so too is our goal to make our roads safer, more efficient and accessible with increased public transportation, pedestrian and bike-focused options. Mobility Plan 2035 does just that.”

Councilmember Huizar has become co-chair of the LA City Council’s newly created Homelessness and Poverty Committee. Councilmember Huizar will advocate for improved services and coordination to better address homelessness in Los Angeles.

Councilmember Huizar also chairs the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee, which approved a draft ordinance establishing rules for urban beekeeping. It will soon go to a vote by the full City Council. Under the ordinance, beekeeping would be allowed in certain areas of single-family property. This move comes in response to Angelenos advocating for “urban beekeeping” as a way to help fight a decline in the bee population.

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Digital Billboards in Glassell Park

by Helene Schpak

"Granting amnesty to illegal billboards and allowing new digital billboards outside sign districts in high-intensity commercial areas designated by the City Planning Commission in 2009 are terrible ideas. This will just lead to more billboard blight and diminish the quality of life in many L.A. neighborhoods."--Dennis Hathaway, Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight

There is a distinct likelihood that Glassell Park will be home to at least two massive digital billboards in our near future. Clear Channel and other billboard companies are pushing for legislation that would allow for digital billboards across the city. Lamar Advertising is suing for the right to put up 45 new digital billboards citywide.

What happened to the limited designated sign districts that restricted these billboards to only high intensity commercial areas?

Digital billboards cause light pollution. Their ads can change an average of every 7 seconds creating flashing light, distraction to drivers and bringing unwanted visual blight to our community. They negatively alter the character of neighborhoods and have a detrimental impact on property values.

Two billboard locations have been identified for Glassell Park. 3810 Eagle Rock Blvd. is atop our Community Center on the Public Storage building. Long time residents might remember the fight that ensued when this building first went up. Many loved the view of our hillsides from the 2 freeway. Those views gave way to a 3-story structure. Imagine now a large digital billboard on top, flashing advertisements to drivers on the freeway, Eagle Rock Blvd., and residents in the area. The second location, also owned by Lamar Advertising, is at 3017 San Fernando Rd., on top of another Public Storage building.

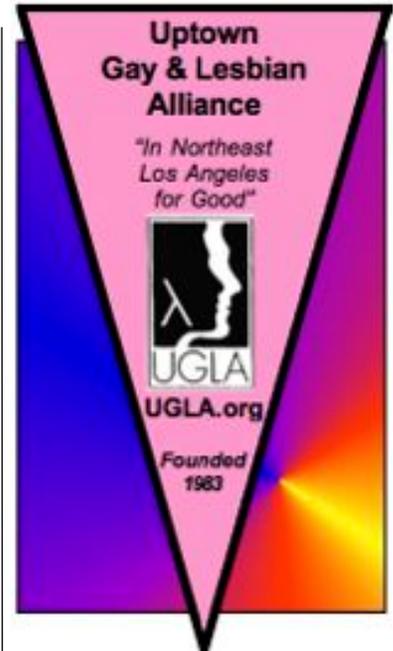
We have mixed zoning in both areas. With nearby single and multi-residential buildings, parks and schools, these cannot be called high intensity commercial zones. Quality of life will be negatively impacted for a great many people and Glassell Park will become defined not by our hillside views but by our billboard blight.

Lamar, in an obvious effort to sway political favor, financed 20 billboards for the election of Gil Cedillo to the City Council seat for CD 1. According to a L.A. Times article, CBS Outdoor spent \$13,200 on signs for Cedillo's election. Does this suggest that Cedillo will be beholding to billboard companies?

Eight years ago the Glassell Park/Cypress Park Walkabout responded to the City's effort to get a handle on all the billboards, legal and not, all over our City. A full inventory was conducted that counted every billboard in both communities and logged their location, ID numbers, company that owned them and a photograph of each. The results can be found on www.nelawalk.org.

The detailed inventory was delivered to the City and it's possible the information contributed to the identifying of 937 billboards citywide that have been altered in violation of their permits.

But this doesn't address the expanding sign districts and Lamar's digital billboards that would place two in Glassell Park. These decisions are happening now and we, as a community, need to be very clear with our decision makers how we want them to vote. Send an email to the people below and tell them Glassell Park doesn't want digital billboard blight in our community. Ask them to oppose any expansion of the sign districts from the 2009 ordinance. And oppose a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that would allow signs outside of those sign districts. Reference Council File #11-1705. Send your email to: councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, michael.logrande@lacity.org.



Glassell Park Farmers Market



The Glassell Park Farmers Market happens every Saturday from 10am-3pm in the parking lot of the Goodwill Center on San Fernando Road near Fletcher Street.

Our support of the local farmers currently selling there will bring more vendors and variety to the market.

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GPIA Flash Cleanup, July 11

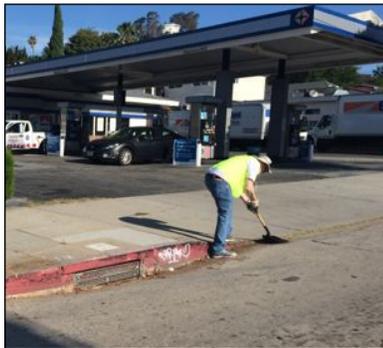
by Jim Kiehl, Improvement Chair



On the morning of July 11th, nine ambitious volunteers cut and hacked through the weeds on the sidewalks and gutters around the intersection of Verdugo & York in Verdugo Village. Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy for Councilmember Jose Huizar, CD 14, showed up with a supply of clean up bags, plastic gloves and snack bars. As if that weren't enough, Lucy stayed and helped with cleaning. The ARCO station on the corner gave us bottled water and thanked us for our efforts.



Heather Sabin posted our event flyer on Nextdoor.com and her effort reached two of our neighbors Michael Dubos and John Wehage who joined us for the clean-up. Suzie Wilkinson and I posted flyers at about 20 locations in Glassell Park.



Thanks to these volunteers for coming out to help--Suzie and Mike Wilkinson, Heather Sabin and her friend Joe, John Wehage, Michael Dubos, Bob Ammons, Lucy Aparicio and Jim Kiehl.



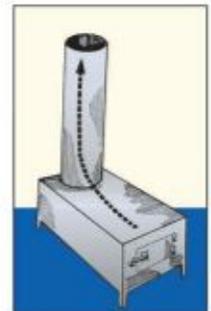
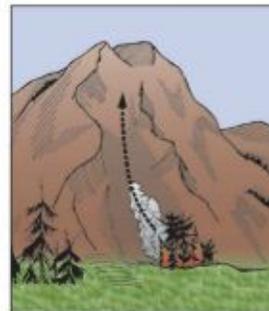
If you would like to help with future cleanups (September 26 & November 14) contact Jim Kiehl at jkiehl@earthlink.net or watch for flyers on Facebook.

Photos by Lucy Aparicio, CD 14

“Chimney Effect” and canyon fires

What is the "chimney effect" in brushfires? The image on the right, a wood burning stove, uses the upward draft to vent through the chimney. This same behavior applies to the image on the left. Our canyons create the same condition:

- Unstable air at the bottom causes a convection current through the canyon
- Air is drawn in at the base to support the current
- Fuels (the vegetation) support a burn up to the head of the canyon.



In other words, the fire follows the current and burns rapidly up the canyon.

This topographic situation makes it nearly impossible to defend homes built in these areas.

Prepare your home for this possibility and follow the LAFD Brush Clearance :http://lafd.org/fire_prevention/brush/clearance-requirements. You can also learn more about the brushfire threat in California from our partners in fire and life safety education: <http://www.mysafela.org/are-we-taking-wildfire-seriously-i.../>

Coexisting with Coyotes



Coyotes that have adapted to urban living may approach people or visit yards where people are present. Los Angeles Animal Services has recommendations for humane “hazing techniques” designed to re-instill the fear of people in coyotes. These methods can be useful when in your yard and when walking your pet:

- Yelling and waving your arms while approaching the coyote
- Noisemakers: whistles, air horns, bells, metal pie pans banged together, shaker cans full of pennies
- Projectiles: sticks, small rocks, tennis balls
- Other: hoses, water guns with vinegar water, pepper spray, bear repellent

Never run away from a coyote!

For more information about coexisting with our local wildlife, call 323-225-WILD (9453).



The Glassell Park Improvement Association is looking for community members who want to make a difference!

We will accept nominations (and self-nominations) for our 2016 Board at the September 10th meeting with elections at the November 12th meeting.

All GPIA members are eligible to serve as Board members and to vote in the election.

A membership form is on page 11, and Board seats are listed on the back cover.

Please consider volunteering to help improve Glassell Park!

National Night Out / Touch a Truck event brings hundreds of Glasselllanders together

Over 700 Glassell Park residents and friends joined in this year's National Night Out event hosted by the GPNC. Touch-a-Truck, free food, resource tables and pie & chili contests brought the community together in a way not seen in years.



Thank you to Herb West for the use of his great photos!

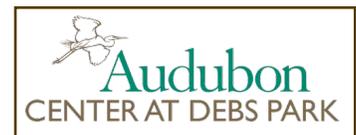
Community Garden gets a Little Free Library by Maggie Daret-Quiroz

I would like to thank the LAPD Northeast police division's officer Olga Lowe, Officer Averaima Enzo, and Deputy City Attorney Gabrielle Taylor, for the Glassell Park community garden free little library. The Drew & Estara community really needed this library. Since the Glassell Park community does not have a public library. It brought much joy to the children of the community. A big thanks to Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell for his presence and the Garden Nursery School for the books, that their students families donated. Thanks Aztec Risings for providing shaved ice treats. Lastly, thanks to Pastor Augie for the blessing of the free little library, and all the community garden families, for their amazing cooking. L.A. Conservation Corps for installing the library. If you would like to donate books, the community garden families would humbly appreciate it!



Naturalist training at Audubon Center

Train to become a volunteer naturalist at Audubon Center at Debs Park. Enroll in a free 7-hour course comprised of three training sessions on 9/22, 9/29 & 10/3.



Space is limited & volunteers must be 18 or over. For more information or to register, call 323-221-2255 or email kflores@audubon.org



GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S
47th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 7-10pm

The Coffee Table • 1958 Colorado Blvd. • Eagle Rock



No host bar at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

\$30 per person all inclusive:

soup, salad, choice of entree (see reply form), glass of wine, dessert, coffee, tax & tip



Please give us your reply by October 7th

Name(s): _____

Number preferring ribeye steak w/mashed potatoes & vegetables: _____

Number preferring Moroccan chicken w/rice & vegetables: _____

Number preferring vegetarian pasta _____

Amount enclosed at \$30 per person (payable to GPJA): \$ _____

Please send this part of the invitation with your check to:

GPJA • P.O. Box 65881 • Los Angeles, CA 90065

or save a stamp and bring it to the September 10th meeting!

FLASH CLEANUP!



Saturday, September 26, 8am

The **Glassell Park Improvement Association** invites you to help clean up Verdugo Road around the on & off-ramps to the Glendale Freeway.

The "Flash Cleanup" idea is to give a short time--45 minutes--that won't get in the way of our busy weekends. We come together, care for our community, finish and go. The more people who show up the more trash and weeds get cleaned up.

Please join us at the corner of Verdugo & Roderick Roads, and don't forget to bring your own sun protection, work gloves and water.

Contact Jim Kiehl (see below) to RSVP or to join our team for future clean ups.

We are working with CD13, to arrange for pickup of filled trash bags. Thank you to Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office for their help and support.

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Glassell Park's Law Enforcers:
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**Northeast LAPD Graffiti Abatement/
 Community Liaison Officer**
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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

ADVERTISE in the GPIA NEWS

Advertise your business to target households in Glassell Park! Your ad in the "Glassell Park Improvement Association News" will be viewed by 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.

The GPIA Newsletter is published on the 1st of January, March, May, July, September and November. Designed and edited by Marge Piane. Submissions welcome.
 Contact the GPIA at: gpia90065@gmail.com
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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 second 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)

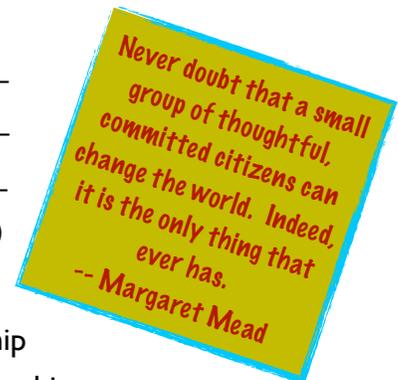
Household membership (\$25)

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 a check or credit card to our next meeting!

Neighborhood information at hand:

City Council Field Offices

Council District I
 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
 2035 Colorado Blvd
 L.A., CA 90041
 323-254-5295

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Area rep #2
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Area rep #3
 Janis McCarthy

Upcoming Events

Every Saturday
 GP Farmers Market, 10a-3p, Goodwill parking lot, 3150 N. San Fernando Rd., see pg 6

September 5
 Annual Community Pride Day Cleanup, 8am-12n, meet outside Community & Senior Ctr., 3750 N. Verdugo Rd.

September 10
 GPIA Law Enforcement Town Hall & General Meeting, 7pm, Community & Senior Ctr., 3750 N. Verdugo Rd., see cover

September 12 & October 10
 NELAArt Second Saturday Art Walk, 7-10pm (most), go to www.NELAArt.org

September 15 & October 20
 GPNC General Community Stakeholders meetings, 7pm, Community & Senior Ctr., 3750 N. Verdugo Rd.

September 22
 Volunteer Naturalist training begins at Audubon Center, see page 8

September 29
 Flash Cleanup, 8am, Verdugo & Roderick Rds., see pg 10

October 7
 Walk-to-School Day, www.walktoschoolday-la.org

October 10
 GPIA Anniversary Dinner, see page 9

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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