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GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWS



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LA Department of Transportation workers install bollards along Eagle Rock Boulevard in an effort to alleviate confusing turn lanes and enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians at corners.

Eagle Rock Boulevard is changing, how will that change Glassell Park?

The GPIA will host a conversation with city representatives and agencies in an effort to bring our voices to the table.

What's our vision for our Boulevard?

Bring your ideas and concerns to the GPIA meeting on September 12th at 7pm.

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 9/12/19 ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held

Thursday, Sept. 12th, 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?

✓ **GPIA needs you (to help find our next Board)**

The GPIA is seeking community members to join the Board of Directors in 2020. If you care about the GPIA's next leadership, please email Jim Kiehl, election ad hoc committee chair, at jekiehl@earthlink.net to join the search or to self-nominate. Nominations and election by members will take place at the November general meeting. See page 4.

✓ **Monument dedication & Anniversary dinner Oct. 19th**

The GPIA will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its "Anniversary Tree" in the Eagle Rock Blvd. median between Avenues 40 & 41 on Saturday, October 19th, at 10am. The tiny Canary Island Pine tree was planted by GPIA members on the occasion of the group's 1st anniversary in 1969, and has become one of the largest trees in Glassell Park—a community focal point that serves as Glassell Park's holiday tree. The GPIA will unveil a stone monument and plaque commemorating 50+ years of service to Glassell Park. See page 3.

✓ **Taylor Yard to receive federal funds for site cleanup**

The EPA awarded a federal Brownfields grant that includes \$500,000 for remediation of the future Taylor Yard River Park's contaminated areas to the City of Los Angeles. The 42-acre former rail yard abuts the Los Angeles River, and was used for train maintenance and fueling until 2006. The EPA's grant supplements the \$2 million for site remediation and public access Taylor Yard received from the State Coastal Conservancy in 2017.

✓ **"Wife and the Somm" to open in Glassell Park**

A "fresh California cuisine" restaurant has applied for a permit to open at 3416 Verdugo Road. The indoor/outdoor restaurant will seat nearly 100 people and plans to serve wine & beer. Planned hours are 10am-10pm.

✓ **LA Public Library offers free program for diplomas**

The Los Angeles Public Library has a free program for adults age 19 and older who live in Los Angeles or work for the City of Los Angeles. The program does not require US citizenship or a transcript. Visit a local branch library for more information, or go to www.lapl.org.

✓ **Home-sharing ordinance in effect**

The City's home sharing ordinance took effect on July 1st, 2019. Residents who wish to rent their homes to short-term visitors have until November 1, 2019, to register and begin posting their registration number on all ads. Information on registration and other aspects of the ordinance are at: <https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/adopted/faq.pdf>

✓ **LA's earthquake alert app sets lower threshold**

After the early July earthquakes did not trigger warnings in Los Angeles, users questioned its usefulness. App developers explained that the system was set to send alerts for "light" shaking, and the Ridgecrest quakes were registering as "weak" in Los Angeles. The City decided to lower the threshold for alerts to "weak", a move that will likely trigger many more alerts than have been experienced since the app's launch earlier this year. The app, ShakeAlertLA, is free.

"Ask Your Neighborhood Prosecutor"

Send your question to gpiNews90065@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor's column appears as questions come in.



LETTER FROM GPIA PRESIDENT RICK BOLTON

We are all busy people. I even feel busy when I'm on vacation! Jobs and families are hectic, and our mobile phones take away any opportunity we have to get away from things for even a few minutes.

Clearly, the last thing you need is someone giving you more to do. But... let me do just that.

As the federal government seems to spin out of control, it feels like acting locally is a more effective way to generate change. California is certainly leading the way in this regard. But acting locally takes time and commitment. Most of all, it takes everyone being willing to donate their time, effort and funds to make something happen.

The GPIA is an all-volunteer organization, and for our size (which is small), we are mighty. We get a lot done. Look through this newsletter and you will see what I mean. But we can do so much more.

How can you participate? There are so many ways. First of all, come to our member meetings. Our upcoming September meeting will examine the future of Eagle Rock Blvd., which is sure to be of interest to you. And, of course, join, and keep your membership current. It costs so little to be a member of the GPIA, and your contributions help make amazing things happen.

Finally, get more involved. Call up someone on the board and volunteer to help. Come to one of our street cleanups. Volunteer to help at our upcoming Neighborhood Night Out. Even better, run for the GPIA board. We have spots open on the 2020 board, and we're accepting nominations.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly with questions, comments, ideas and good jokes. You'll find me at gpi.rickbolton@gmail.com.

Have a great autumn!

Rick

The Bowtie Parcel belongs to the public, access should too
by Helene Schpak



The Glassell Park Improvement Association has taken a direct and appropriate stand in opposition to the Casitas-Bowtie Lofts development. This project is located at the entrance of Bowtie parcel, a bowtie-shaped 18-acre post-industrial site that's directly adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park and is controlled by State Parks.

Our section of the LA River has been designated for concrete removal and, with that, the revitalization of a riparian ecosystem and the restoration of natural habitat. The adjoining G2 parcel was purchased by the City and is currently going through design options while working on chemical remediation from the toxins left in the soil from years as a rail yard. Together, the river, G1 (Bowtie) and G2 (Taylor Yard), offer that rare opportunity to seize public space *for the public*. In CD1 there are only 2.9 acres of park space per 1,000 people.

In Atwater Village and Elysian Valley it's even worse at .09 acres per 1,000 people.

The Bowtie Lofts development is a 5.6 acres parcel where they will pack **419 apartments** and 720 parking spots in buildings 5 and 6 stories tall. The estimated **1,400 vehicle trips** a day to and from this site would devastate the **small neighborhood** they must drive through, and create a **congestion nightmare** on Fletcher Road as the vehicles would either merge onto the 2 freeway at San Fernando Road or head West to the 5 freeway. Aside from the fact that a portion of the development's land **sits in a flood plain**, its placement, abutting the Bowtie Park, would **restrict access** for the public and create an almost proprietary gain for the residents of this mostly high rent development.

This development will stretch its footprint across every inch of its parcel forcing families wanting to enjoy our future State Park to leave



their cars in the neighborhood and walk under the freeway, past the residents of the Lofts, so they can enjoy open public space. There are many serious concerns about this development but its location is the most **unsustainable**. See page 4 for ways to make your voice heard on this issue.



ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, THE GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S **50TH ANNIVERSARY** YEAR COMES TO AN END WITH TWO EVENTS:

FIRST, WE WILL UNVEIL AND DEDICATE OUR **GPIA MONUMENT** AND COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE IN THE MEDIAN ON EAGLE ROCK BOULEVARD AT AVENUE 40. JOIN US, AND OUR ELECTED

REPRESENTATIVES, **ON THE MEDIAN AT 10AM.** (PARK AT RITE-AID & USE CROSSWALK AT AVE 40)

THEN, AT 6:30PM, COME TO OUR ANNUAL **ANNIVERSARY DINNER** TO BE HELD AT

IVANHOE
FULL INFORMATION AND A REPLY FORM CAN BE FOUND BETWEEN PAGES 6 & 7 AND ON OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.GPIA.ORG](http://www.gpia.org)

Follow us on:



GPIA takes a stand against oversize building on already-dangerous hillside roads



As we’ve learned from recent fires, it’s not easy to **flee a fire**—or get fire trucks in—on roads that are blocked. On July 4th, LAFD had to use helicopters to reach a fire in Mt. Washington due to blocked roads. In Glassell Park, the hill above Barryknoll, Moss and Walnut Canyons has **only three ingress/egress routes** and none of them are good. In fact, one (Kinney Street) is being studied for major improvements after numerous trucks toppled over trying to maneuver a narrow, sharp switchback. The other two options are Lavell/Cazador/Division and Lavell/Yorkshire/Moss. Neither route accommodates 2-way traffic.

Now a developer who was denied a permit ten years ago is back, attempting to build **three 4-story homes** (3 atop a garage) on the same Yorkshire Drive lots. Yorkshire Drive is no more than 11 feet wide in front of the lots, and the lots themselves are steep upslopes opposite steep drop offs. There are **no pullouts**.

In this time of throwing caution to the wind in the name of more housing, those who depend on Yorkshire Drive have shown up to local meetings in vocal opposition to this project. The GPIA has taken a position against allowing the builder to go forward, and you can add your own opinion by calling or writing Council District 1 and the city planners overseeing the application. See “Make a call/Write a Letter” below for contact information.

Want to DO SOMETHING? Here are a few ideas:

Attend a meeting

The September GPIA meeting will be an open discussion about the future of Eagle Rock Boulevard. Does Glassell Park want a voice in what will become of our main thoroughfare?

Recently, an electric vehicle charging station was installed in a residential section of Eagle Rock Boulevard with no notice to the people whose street parking it took away.

Lots of new businesses are applying to open along the boulevard, what will they be? Where will guests park? What does the city plan to do about the impassable sidewalks where ficus trees have broken through the cement? Is Glassell Park getting scooters? Will they share the few bike lanes? Are more bike lanes in our future?

If we don’t speak up, we won’t have a say.

Join the Board

The GPIA elects a new Board of Directors annually. If you, or some you know, would like to join our Board, please contact Jim Kiehl at jekiehl@earthlink.net. If it’s too much of a commitment, please attend our meetings on the second Thursday of each odd-numbered month. The September GPIA meeting is on the 12th at 7pm.

Run for a seat on the GPNC

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council is the community’s voice at City Hall. Not only do they have a 15-member Board, but they also have numerous committees to join. In addition, stakeholders can bring ideas, concerns, possible projects and questions to their monthly meetings. See the ad on page 10 for information about the GPNC.

Make a call / Write a letter

If you have concerns, make yourself heard!

For example, if you agree with the GPIA about **Casitas/Bowtie Lofts** (see page 3), you can call CD1 and speak with Planning Deputy Gerald Gubatan, who works from the City Hall office (gerald.gubatan@lacity.org and 213-473-7001) . In addition, you can send a letter via email to city planners Lisa Weber (lisa.weber@lacity.org) and Jane Choi (jane.choi@lacity.org). Your letter will be added to the file for the project. To make sure it gets to the right file, please refer to: 2750 Casitas Ave/ ENV-2016-2862-EIR, CPC-2016-3054-GPA-VZC-CU-CUB-DB-CDO-SPR-MS.

If you use **Yorkshire Drive** (see above) to come and go from your home, you might want to send letters and make calls opposing the projects planned for the lower part of the street. Call or write to the same people listed above, but refer to: 2312, 2318 & 2324 Yorkshire Dr/ZA-2018-3256-ZAD-SPP, ENV-2018-3258-EAF.

Suggested points to include are in **boldface** in both articles.

Volunteer

Is there some community issue you’re passionate about? Clean streets & sidewalks?—come to a GPIA Flash Cleanup (see page 9). Dog owners who don’t clean up after their pet?—watch for the GPIA’s “Poop Fairy Project” (coming soon). Literacy?—help keep the GPIA’s Little Free Library stocked (at Rio de Los Angeles State Park).

Or maybe you have a skill you’d be willing to share...for example, the GPIA could use a graphic artist who could be on call for event flyers and other outreach items. Create your own niche of community helpfulness! www.gpia.org

Reports from the U.S. and State Capitols

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

It's fall and Congress is back in session after a busy August recess.

During my district work period in CA-34, I held another town hall – this time at the Lincoln Heights Senior Center – and took questions from nearly 200 constituents about the most pressing issues facing our community, such as gun violence, climate change, affordable housing and homelessness.

This summer, we saw numerous mass shootings that rocked communities and renewed the call for stronger legislation to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. To date, H.R. 8 – the Bipartisan Background Checks Act – has been waiting for a vote in the Senate for almost two months. That is blatantly unacceptable. I joined my House Democratic colleagues to urge Senator Mitch McConnell to put this legislation to a vote and help end gun violence.

Another bill waiting for a vote in the Senate is H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act. This legislation ensures the United States – despite President Trump's staunch opposition – will meet the reduced carbon emissions standards set forth in the Paris Climate Agreement. As temperatures hit record levels across the country, we need to do all we can to stop the threat of climate change and minimize its impact.

As Congress prepares to head back to Capitol Hill, Democrats are ready to continue passing bills that will protect and benefit all Americans.

California Senate District 24
report from
**State Senator
Maria Elena Durazo**

During this fall, I am looking forward to spending the interim recess from the legislative session in our district. I hope to meet with many of you to learn more about your concerns and how I can address them.

I value your opinion on the issues that matter the most to you, please do not hesitate to visit my website or contact my office should you have any questions or require assistance with any state related matter. Make sure to stay connected with our office by following my Senate social media accounts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). I will continue to work with our communities to help improve the lives of our working families.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that beginning October 1, 2020, you will need a federally approved document, such as a REAL ID driver license, to enter certain federal buildings or to fly domestically. In order to receive a REAL ID driver license, you must visit a DMV field office and provide certain documentation with your application. Visit REALID.dmv.ca.gov for more information.

Senator María Elena Durazo
SD 24

California Assembly District 51
report from
**Assemblymember
Wendy Carrillo**

Dear Neighbors,

September and October means the end of the legislative year and my return to the district. My team and I have been hard at work for the past ten months and I'm excited to share our legislative wins and budget wins secured \$50,000,000 for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Funding for afterschool programs, and \$500,000 to create a conceptual plan for a potential park at the Bowtie Parcel (Glassell Park).

Additionally, we have hosted successful three giveaways in the district and have been able to secure a Veteran Memorial at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. My team and I continue to engage with constituents throughout our district to come together and find solutions. We have recognized Bricia López of Montecito Heights as our Women of the Year, Guisados as our Small Business of the Year, and Recognized Barrio Action Youth and Family Center as Non-profit of the year.

Thank you for your trust and the privilege to serve. It is always a pleasure to provide legislative updates back home to Los Angeles. I look forward to collaborating more with the Glassell Park Improvement Association to build an even stronger prosperous community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach our Glassell Park representative, Alfonso Ruiz, at alfonso.ruiz-delgado@asm.ca.gov.

In service,
Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember, 51st District

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(OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW)

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AREA REP 3

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MORE INFORMATION
ON PAGE 4

THANK YOU!

Supervisor and Mayor reports

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

In 2018, over two-thirds of LA County voters passed Measure W, a parcel tax that would fund projects, infrastructure, and programs to capture, treat, and recycle rainwater. The Board of Supervisors recently approved the Los Angeles Region Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance, which designates Measure W funds to bring LA County one step closer to funding local projects that will increase rainwater conservation and strengthen all local communities, with special emphasis on the most disadvantaged neighborhoods.

We have heard time and time again that lack of housing, open space, and access to clean and safe water leads to poorer public health outcomes. This ordinance combats these disparities.

The ordinance promotes equitable and nature-based solutions, the development of high-quality jobs, and sustainable community engagement. Stakeholders and Watershed Coordinators will work together to ensure the Safe Clean Water Program prioritizes locations for water-quality improvement projects relative to disadvantaged communities.

Everyone deserves access to safe, clean water. And thanks to the voters and taxpayers, Measure W's annual \$300 million revenue will transform the way LA County's most vulnerable communities access safe, clean water. With our community partners, we will uphold and deliver the promise of Measure W.

To stay updated with everything happening in the First District, follow me on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram at @hildasolis.

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

In August, the second cohort of Mayor Garcetti's Youth Council to End Gun Violence convened their first official meeting at L.A. City Hall. Coming in the wake of the Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton tragedies that took 31 lives, these young leaders — 15 Angelenos, between 16 and 22 years old, drawn from every corner of Los Angeles — laid out their plans and objectives for the year ahead to drive action on gun safety legislation; raise awareness of the gun violence epidemic in our schools and communities; and educate more Angelenos about how to get involved in the drive to end gun violence in our country.

Mayor Garcetti launched a campaign to strengthen citywide emergency readiness, calling on Neighborhood Councils to appoint preparedness officers and take part in the Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood (RYLAN) program. The initiative calls on each council to appoint a liaison to work with the City's Emergency Management Department (EMD). After being trained by EMD, the liaison will facilitate workshops in their area and develop RYLAN plans.

Lastly, Mayor Garcetti reaffirmed that City law enforcement does not participate in or assist with civil immigration enforcement and reminded all residents of their rights. The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs created a resource guide which includes comprehensive information about rights and resources, including contact information for legal service providers and community organizations.

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City Council Districts Reports

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

Dear Friends,
Team Cedillo is proud to co-sponsor Neighborhood Night Out! This event will be held Saturday October 12th on Verdugo Rd. in front of the Community Center. There is a planned 5k run that will be through the residential streets in the neighborhood, so bring your running shoes! NNO will feature a “touch truck” event, booths from community organizers, a stage with entertainment, free food and so many fun and festive activities you won’t want to miss out! We’ll see you there!

We love when our seniors let loose and have a great time! Every year our seniors at Glassell Park Community Senior Center sure know how to pick fun and exciting places to go. Next up is Oktoberfest! This event will be held in Huntington Beach, October 17 from 9am-5pm.

Our Safe Parking Program continues to help people living in their vehicles by

providing a safe overnight sleeping space with case management services. As a

City, we have housed over 20,000 homeless people this past year yet we saw a

16% increase in homelessness in the City. We appreciate the ongoing support

from the GPIA and GPNC to offer help to people experiencing homelessness.

Please contact my office for assistance in helping the 1st district move forward and keeping it #1.

Sincerely,
Gilbert Cedillo
Councilmember, 1st District

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

Friends:
As Chair of the *Homelessness and Poverty Committee*, I wanted to give you an update this month on three main topics we are currently discussing to address the most pressing issue facing the City of Los Angeles.

We discussed my initiative to host a Summit on Poverty, which is scheduled for September 20th. The discussion will focus on lifting people out of poverty and preventing them from falling into homelessness. Joining the conversation: service providers, local businesses, and major corporations with roots in Los Angeles.

My Council colleagues and I also talked about the progress of HHH housing. Thanks to the 2016 voter-mandated initiative, we are heading toward approval and/or construction of 7,500 units of permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness in the next couple of years. And we’re getting closer to the 10,000 units that voters approved.

Lastly: Safe Parking! Through committee action this week, we will soon hear a report from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority on the safe parking program, and defining the process so we can have more safe parking programs for people who are living in their cars and motor homes across the city.

We are making progress and will continue to do so under my direction as Chair -- working in collaboration with you.

Thank you for your eagerness to be part of the solution.

Regards,
MITCH O’FARRELL

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

Hello Glassell Park,

Hope you all have been enjoying the summer months. Our field office remained open during our council recess break working hard to assist our great Northeast LA communities. Council is now back in session and the city begins its new fiscal year, which runs annually from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

As always, homelessness remains a top priority, while there is no doubt the increasing number of those experiencing homelessness is a clear indication that much more work is needed, this office has not shied away from leading on some of the City’s most important policies to create infrastructure (homelessness committee), a plan (homelessness strategic plan) and funding (Measure HHH). Our work continues.

In Glassell Park, the CD14 Clean Communities Initiative also continues with the goal of maintaining our streets clean. My office was happy to participate in the August GPIA Flash Clean-up event, with our Cleaning Crew on hand to remove large bulky items and trash along Verdugo Rd and York Blvd. With the help of all the volunteers, they were able to fill up the Bulky Item Bin provided by my office. Thank you to the GPIA for organizing the community event and to everyone who showed up to keep our community clean. If you know a public area that needs attention, please don’t hesitate to contact my Northeast office.

Sincerely,
Councilmember José Huizar

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Green Space, Serene Space

by Eric Tallman

Scientific research consistently makes the connection between stress levels in people's lives and their access to green space. Studies support the idea that green space provides a buffer against life's negative stressful events. Los Angeles currently ranks #55 out of 100 American cities in park equity according to the Trust For Public Land's park score index, with 40% of residents living further than a ten minute's walk to a green space. Parts of the Glassell Park neighborhood are listed as moderate or high need for parks. The Friends Of Walnut Canyon continue to communicate with private and public agencies to seek funding to purchase the 32 Abode lots that are proposed for development in Walnut Canyon, as well as efforts to purchase other properties in the canyon, with the goal of preserving up to 15 acres of undeveloped land. Walnut Canyon currently sees steady use by hikers and walkers enjoying the rejuvenation and relaxation that nature offers. The Abode owners remain willing sellers while we continue the process of working towards purchase. This sprawling open space is located in Glassell Park, with entrances on Haverhill Dr. and on Brilliant Dr. where the asphalt ends. We are dedicated to preserving Walnut Canyon as public parkland for all communities to enjoy and treasure.



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Jerusalem Cricket by Susan Streaser



Photo by Susan Streaser

Have you ever seen one of these insects? The Jerusalem Cricket (Genus name: *Stenopelmatus*) is also called "Potato Bug" and in Spanish "Nino de la Tierra". It is related to crickets and grasshoppers. Its smooth, shiny head is egg-shaped, having the wide end at the top, with small black eyes, and at the narrow end, large mandibles. The abdomen is usually colored with alternating dark and light bands. Their curved legs may have a row of spikes near the feet.

Their smoothness aids in burrowing into soil, where they spend their days. Active at night, they eat decaying organic matter and other insects. They are also a food source for predatory animals like skunks, raccoons and coyotes, all of which are numerous Glassell Park residents.

While non-venomous, they do have large mandibles that can inflict a painful bite if handled carelessly. You may be happy to learn they cannot fly, but during warm weather, one may walk or climb inside a house through an open door or window, where its feet make clicking sounds as it walks across a hard floor. Even a large Jerusalem Cricket, about 2" in length, is surprisingly quick, agile & strong, and is able to squeeze into a small space when threatened! However, one is easily captured by placing the open end of a container over it, sliding a piece of paper underneath, then inverting the whole assembly, so it can be carried outdoors and released.





July Flash Cleanup!

by Jim Kiehl

The weather was just right for a cleanup—not too hot, not too cold. CD1’s clean team showed up with a total of 11 members and 7 more volunteers for a total of 18 were there. We cleaned the Crestmoore Steps and adjacent areas of trash and debris. We worked on cleaning the street at the top and bottom of the steps. We got the storm drain at the bottom cleaned out so it will function better for some time to come.



Next we moved to the Community Center where we helped move out some old furniture from the GPIA office and helped reposition the remaining furniture. We cleaned the planter beds around the parking lot at the community center to get out dead plant material, weeds and leaves.

Finally, we did watering at all GPIA planting locations—North Monument, new plantings on Eagle Rock Blvd. from Avenue 40 to 41, the Triangle garden in front of the community center, the trees on Eagle Rock Blvd. from Avenue 35 to 36 and finally the trees at Glassell Park Elementary and Early Education Center.

The primary cleanup was done in 45 minutes at the steps, then smaller groups of us continued at the Community Center and on the watering work. At about 10:30, the CD 1 team left to do some cleaning on San Fernando Road while we finished up the watering. By 11:00 AM all of this work was done.

August Flash Cleanup!

by Jim Kiehl

The Cleanup at Verdugo Village had a solid turn out. CD 14’s Jose Hernandez was there with his team in a city stake-bed truck which helped on the collection of bulky items. Many bags of trash were collected. Additionally, one of our volunteers found a set of keys and a \$10 bill on the street. We turned the keys over to the gas station in the event of someone looking for them as they were probably on top of a car after a purchase at the station. The \$10 is a contribution to the GPIA.



On bulky items, we got our bins filled with the help of the three clean teams, the Flash Cleanup team and the community.

Electronics Recycling event: So what is the difference between 3750 Verdugo and 3600 Verdugo? The Community Center vs. the Park. We were at 3750 and LA Conservation Corps was at 3600. It took us a while to figure this out. Not sure how many shade trees were distributed, but we had a few people there for them. Our apologies to those who had to wait while we got connected with the LA Conservation Corps. In the end we had a pretty good showing and brought in more electronics than last year.

In addition to all of that, Janis McCarthy weeded the new plant beds on Eagle Rock Blvd. from Avenue 40 to 41 and Suzie Wilkinson trimmed and cleaned the Avenue 40 median garden. Extra watering was done at the North Monument, the plant beds at Avenue 40 and 41, the trees from Avenue 35 to 36 and by Glassell Park Elementary and Early Education Center.

For all of these events we had a total of 32 volunteers. Thanks to all for the efforts.

2019 GPIA FLASH CLEANUP!



September 21

2 Freeway Ramps / Underpass / Median
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Verdugo Road at Roderick Road

October 19

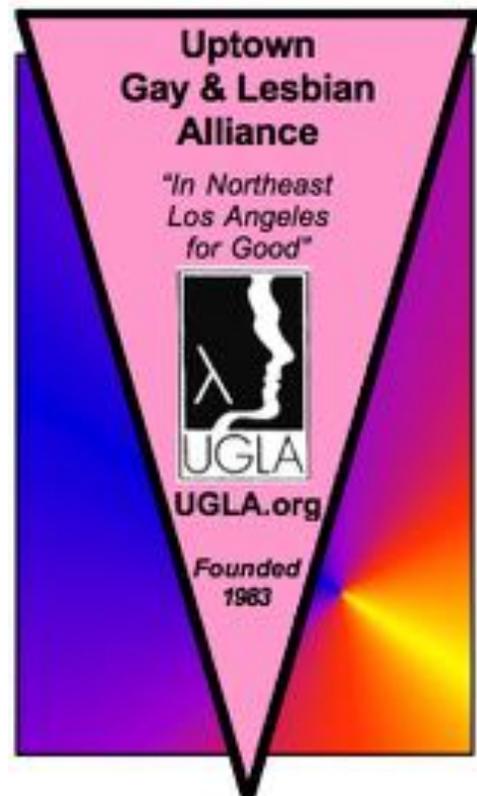
San Fernando Road / Ribet Academy
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
San Fernando Rd. at 2 Freeway

November 16

North Glassell Park Monument
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Eagle Rock Blvd at Lincoln Av (near York)

STUDENTS!

Earn community service hours at **Flash Cleanups!**
Go to: www.gpia.org to sign up or for more information.



You Can Make A Difference

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center, 3750 N. Verdugo Road, at 7:00pm. Buffet dinner is served & everyone is welcome to join us!

All Glassell Park stakeholders are eligible to join any of our committees: Budget & Finance / Grants & Funding / Planning & Land Use / Outreach & Communications / Education / Public Arts / Bylaws.

Go to our website to find events, agendas, minutes and a calendar of upcoming meetings.

To learn more:

www.glassellparknc.org

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If you go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose GPIA, a percentage of the amount you spend will be donated to us! It's the same Amazon site and account, but it benefits the community every time you shop!

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. A new business membership gets one free 2x3.5" ad! Email gpiaNews90065@gmail.com for a rate sheet.

Members receive a 10% discount on all ads.

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Join the Flash Cleanup team! Go to www.gpia.org or email Jim Kiehl at jekiehl@earthlink.net



A Few Handy Phone Numbers:

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Phone Number. Includes Abandoned Vehicles, Shopping Carts, Animal Services, etc.

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

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

JOIN the GPIA!

Name _____ Address _____ Email _____ Phone _____ (home / work / cell) (circle one)

Please check all that apply:

- Individual membership (\$20) Business membership (\$25) New membership Household membership (\$25) Tax deductible donation Renewal membership Senior (60+) (\$15) Please email my newsletter

Please send this form, along with your check, to: GPIA / P.O. Box 65881 / Los Angeles, CA 90065 OR go to: www.gpia.org to join online OR bring the form and a check or credit card to our next meeting!



Neighborhood information at hand:

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 L.A., CA 90065
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Upcoming Events

September 12
 GPIA General Membership meeting, 7pm, see cover

September 17
 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm

September 21
Flash Cleanup! 2 Freeway ramps at Verdugo Road underpass, 8am, see page 9

September 26
 GPNC's Planning & Land Use Committee meeting, 7pm

October 9
 GPIA Board meeting, 7pm

October 12
 Neighborhood Night Out, Verdugo Road between Eagle Rock Blvd. & Avenue 34

October 15
 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm

October 19
Flash Cleanup! San Fernando Road near Ribet Academy, 8am, see page 9

October 19
 GPIA Monument & Plaque dedication, 10am, see page 3

October 19
 GPIA Anniversary dinner, see page 3 and insert

October 31
 GPNC's Planning & Land Use Committee meeting, 7pm

October 31
 Hallowe'en 

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

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