

MARCH/APRIL
2014



GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWS



Your
Neighborhood Council
needs you!

Become a **Glassell Park**
Neighborhood Council candidate!

Hurry! Deadline to file is **March 12th**
Candidate **FORMS & VOTING** information
on pages 6, 7 & 8.



Please come to the next
GPIA meeting Thursday,
March 13th.

Little Big Athletes will
talk with us about a **sports**
program in Juntos Park!
(Information on page 8)



Bring your **ideas** for
improving Glassell Park. Field
Deputies and our Senior Lead
Officer will attend to give us
guidance on how to achieve our
goals for the community.

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

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3/13/14 ★

The next GPIA General
Membership meeting will be held
Thursday, March 13th, 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?

✓ **GPNC candidate filing closes March 12**

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council is seeking candidates to serve the community by running for a GPNC board seat. Available seats, eligibility requirements and a calendar of deadlines is at www.EmpowerLA.org/elections

✓ **Vote-by-mail NOT available for GPNC election**

Stakeholders who cannot be present on Saturday, April 26th, between 10am-4pm, will not be able to vote in the upcoming Neighborhood Council election. All votes must be cast in person at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center.

✓ **NELA Union townhomes to open and get left turn lane**

According to realtor Mark Mullin, the new townhomes at 3901 Eagle Rock Blvd., will open in late March or early April. The city will install a dedicated left turn lane into the complex's driveway from northeast-bound Eagle Rock Blvd..

✓ **City Council to establish sidewalk memorials guidelines**

The LA City Council approved a motion asking the Bureau of Street Services and Sanitation to report on policies and guidelines regarding the display and removal of temporary street memorials that are placed in public right-of-way areas.

✓ **City Council to vote on "fracking" ban**

The LA City Council is set to vote on a proposal to ban hydraulic fracturing as well as other "well-stimulation" methods to release natural gas and/or oil.

✓ **Congressman Becerra's office has moved**

Due to redistricting that took place in 2013, the district office for the 34th District has moved. It is now located at 350 S. Bixel St., Suite 120, L.A., CA 90017. The phone number is 213-481-1425.

✓ **Farmers Market scheduled to open in May**

The Glassell Park Farmers Market has a planned opening date for early May. It will be located at the new campus of Goodwill Industries on San Fernando Road.

✓ **LAPD focusses on traffic safety in NELA**

The LAPD's Northeast Division is tasking more officers with traffic enforcement in an effort to improve area traffic safety. Officers will be warning or citing drivers, cyclists and pedestrians engaged in dangerous behaviors.

✓ **City Council considers legalizing backyard beekeeping**

The LA City Council voted to authorize a study of the impact of allowing beekeeping within the city. They also approved a motion calling for the city to explore humane bee-removal alternatives to extermination and a resolution supporting federal protections for bees against pesticides.

✓ **Goodwill Community Enrichment Center opens April 11**

The Goodwill Southern California Community Enrichment Center will open in two phases beginning with the retail store & donation center on April 11th, and the entire campus—including a cafe—on May 1st. They are currently hiring for a variety of positions. Go to www.goodwillsocal.org/cec for information and to apply online.

✓ **Left-turn signal at Fletcher & San Fernando Road**

After requests from the GPIA and the GPNC via CD 13, the LA Department of Transportation is assessing the need for a left turn signal from San Fernando Road onto Fletcher Drive in both directions.

✓ **Verdugo Rancho Market owner given rebuild extension**

Citing difficulty finding an architect, the owner of the Verdugo Rancho Market that burned down a few months ago, received an extension to April 25th for filing plans to rebuild. Conditions attached to the extension require that the site be free of trash, debris and graffiti and secured at all times.

✓ **LA River Recreational Zone approved by City Council**

Last year's successful recreation zone in the Glendale Narrows stretch of the LA River will be open again in 2014.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, MAGGIE DARETT-QUIROZ

As the month of March approaches us, the goals that I had initially brought up in January are still very much applicable and in reach. My first order of business was, and still is, to bring the community together in a way that people can get involved and active in Glassell Park. Whether it be your daily workout routine or your food choices, health is important. The supportive executive board of the Glassell Park Improvement Association has agreed with me and my stand to promote healthier living in Glassell Park. Because of this, the executive board has invited "Little Big Athletes" to come and show their proposal to GPIA members of working together and creating "active days" in Juntos Park, in which children of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to get out of the house and participate in friendly competitive sports. This is a promising opportunity for a lot of the children in our community, as there aren't many opportunities for children to get out of the house and participate and compete against friends and neighbors.

Another "neighborly event" I would like to bring up is the upcoming Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Elections. As I have mentioned before, my goal is to connect our local elected officials with our local businesses and community activists, to cater to the issues of our community and community residents. A way to

commence this connection is to not only have more involved with the GPIA, but the GPNC as well, ensuring that both organizations can work together to cater to the needs of the community. With this in mind, if you are seeking a leadership opportunity, in which you can represent the area in which you own a business or reside in, you should run for a GPNC board member seat. If you are not looking for such role, you can still get involved by voting in the election on Saturday, April 26th, from 10am-4pm at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center located behind the Public Storage building at 3750 N. Verdugo Road. The driveway is between the Public Storage building and the Glassell Park Recreation Center Pool.

It is important that the GPIA work with fellow organizations, but it is also important that we work with local businesses. This year, the executive board members of the GPIA have all agreed upon the fact that Glassell Park is in need of a little total love and care. With beautification as a major goal, we are trying to make better connections with our local businesses so that we can find common ground on what in our neighborhood is to be changed for the better. If you or someone you know has ideas of areas in need of beautification, you are welcomed to contact the GPIA and we can work together.

With Health and Working Together becoming a sort of theme in our organization, I encourage you to get involved with the GPIA, by becoming a member, so that this organization accumulates as many community members as possible to assure that the voices of our residents are being heard. I'd like to take a stand with my board members and better the community in which I, and my fellow board members, are proud to reside in.

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JOSE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ
AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR REPRESENTATIVE
JOSE RODRIGUEZ
DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

Drought emergency throughout California

Governor Jerry Brown recently announced a drought emergency, as California is experiencing its worst drought since weather records have been kept for our area.

Forty percent of LA's drinking water is used for irrigation. The LADWP's "Cash for Grass" program now offers up to \$2 per square foot for customers who replace water-thirsty lawns with California Friendly landscapes. Residents are reminded that house numbers ending in odd numbers should water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Customers with even numbered addresses should water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Regardless of your address, all outdoor watering is prohibited between the hours of 9am and 4pm.

Information on LAWDP's water conservation programs, regulations and rebate incentives can be found at www.ladwp.com/WaterConservation.

Congressman Becerra's 2014 student art competition

Since 1993, Congressman Becerra has held an annual Student Art Competition open to all high school students who reside in California's 34th Congressional District. Each work of art entered into the competition is judged by a panel of local artists and competition sponsors for the chance to be displayed in the United States Capitol for one year. Artists who enter their work all receive special recognition and the chance to win many great prizes including a trip to Washington, D.C.



2013's 1st place winner, Stephani Varela of Roosevelt High School

The deadline for submissions in March 14, 2014. Go to: <http://www.becerra.house.gov/student-art-competition/> for more

New bridge to connect Cypress Park to Elysian Valley



Model of proposed bridge from Rio de Los Angeles State Park to LA River bike/pedestrian path near Dorris Place in Elysian Valley.

A long-planned walking and biking bridge connecting Northeast Los Angeles communities currently separated by the LA River and Taylor Yard's train tracks is nearing reality.

At a January presentation in Elysian Valley, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, CD13, was joined by representatives from the City's Bureau of Engineering and the project's design firm. The team displayed a detailed model of the innovative, yet simple, structure. In addition to providing easier access to the river's bikeway for recreation, the bridge would allow Elysian Valley students to walk to schools across the river.

The final design for the bridge will be submitted in September of this year, and if approved, construction is expected to begin in 2015.

Reports from the State Capitol

California Senate District 22 report from **Senator Kevin de León**

Dear Friends,

Recent sexual violence cases raise serious questions about our colleges and universities' (both public and private) ability to provide safe learning environments for students, particularly female students. Not nearly enough is being done to prevent these crimes and ensure that survivors ultimately get justice and the adequate services to address their physical and mental trauma.

Since this serious issue has been in the national spotlight, you may know that one in five women on college campuses have been sexually assaulted during their time there. However, fewer than half report the crime, many because they don't believe they'll receive justice. All too often sexual predators do not face any serious penalty for their crimes.

My Senate Bill 967 will fundamentally change the way many colleges deal with sexual assault. This legislation mandates colleges and universities to develop survivor-centered policies while also providing them with the best resources and support services available.

I'm working closely with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault and collaborating with the Legislative Women's Caucus. To develop substantive policies to ensure that survivor's needs are appropriately met, we will convene a forum in April to hear from all stakeholders, including survivors, advocates, college administrators, and local law enforcement.

If you have questions or feedback on this bill or any other legislative inquiries, please do not hesitate to call my Capitol office: (916) 651-4022.

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State Assembly District 51 report from **Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez**

Dear Friends,

With 2014 well underway, I hope you and yours are making the most out of our amazing district.

I'm happy to share I've introduced 10 new bills this legislative session, involving: domestic violence prevention funding, family leave benefits for educators, anti-discrimination, consumer protection, court resources, student debt relief, and voter participation. In the district, I've helped reopen our new and improved SR-2/ I-5 connector tunnel, brought Covered CA experts to you and your neighbors to help ease the healthcare enrollment process, provided you with free tax preparation assistance, invited you to breakfast with Kish Rajan (Director for the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development) to discuss our efforts in bringing resources to AD 51 small businesses, and am simultaneously planning with my district office team for some upcoming events.

They include: a **Free Tree Adoption Event on March 8th** (9-11am at Vons, 1342 N. Alvarado St. LA, CA 90027); our **Annual Northeast Job Fair on March 29th** (10am-1pm at Dodger Stadium, 1000 Elysian Park Ave, LA, CA 90012) ; and an exciting **Fishing in the City Event on April 26th** (8am-1pm at Lincoln Park Lake, 3501 Valley Blvd., LA, CA 90031).

Please join us, if at all possible. For more information on these events, or for assistance from my office, please contact us at 213-483-5151.

We look forward to seeing you around town!

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RESERVA TU BOCA
MARCH 15TH 2014

COUNCILMEMBER
MITCH O'FARRELL
13TH COUNCIL DISTRICT

DREW STREET TREE TRIMMING & BEAUTIFICATION COMMUNITY EVENT

IN AN EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE 13TH DISTRICT, WE ARE TEAMING UP WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, AZTECS RISING FOR A COMMUNITY TREE TRIMMING & BEAUTIFICATION EVENT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014
9:00AM
DREW STREET GARDEN
3304 Drew Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ADAM BASS AT (323) 957-4500 OR ADAM.BASS@LACITY.ORG

FREE BBQ AFTER CLEAN UP

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What opportunities are there and how can we get there?

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CENTRAL CITY ACTION COMMITTEE
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CONGRESSMEMBER LUCILLE ROYAL ALVARO
CONGRESSMEMBER AMANDA SCHIFF
STATE SENATOR KEVIN DE LEON
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ASSEMBLY MEMBER RESURGENCIA TRON CUEVA-SANTANA
ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFREY WILSON
ASSEMBLY MEMBER JOSE HERRERA
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
COUNCILMEMBER GABRIEL SOTOLO
COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HERRERA
COUNCILMEMBER MITCH O'FARRELL
COUNCILMEMBER GILBERT RUIZ
LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT RICHARD VAZQUEZ
LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MARGARET GARCIA
LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BENNETT KATZER
LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER STEVE SHAMBA

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From Sunset Blvd./ Elysian Park to Stadium

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Please enter through Elysian Park Ave / Stadium Way entrance

Job seekers are encouraged to attend a Job Skills Workshop hosted at your local America's Job Center of CA (formerly known as WorkSource Centers)

For more information visit LACommunityJobFair.com

Equal opportunities employment program benefiting all and females available upon request.

RESERVA TU BOCA
15 DE MARZO 2014

CONCEJAL
MITCH O'FARRELL
DISTRITO 13 DEL CONSEJO DE LOS ANGELES

EVENTO COMUNITARIO DE DREW STREET EMBELLECCIMIENTO Y PODA DE ARBOLES

EN UN ESFUERZO A CONTINUAR A MEJORAR LA CALIDAD DE VIDA PARA LOS RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO DECIMOTERCERO, NOS ESTAMOS JUNTANDO CON EL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICIA DE LOS ANGELES Y AZTECS RISING PARA UN EVENTO COMUNITARIO DE EMBELLECCIMIENTO Y PODA DE ARBOLES.

SABADO, 15 DE MARZO 2014
9:00AM
JARDIN DE DREW STREET
3304 Drew Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

PARA MÁS INFORMACION, PONGASE EN CONTACTO CON ADAM BASS A (323) 957-4500 O ADAM.BASS@LACITY.ORG

BBQ GRATIS DESPUES DE LIMPIAR

AZTECS RISING
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Council Districts Reports

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

Dear Friends,

Our 'Keep It Clean' Campaign is moving ahead and making a difference in the district. One of my first legislative acts when I entered office was working to change the bulky item pick up method from disposal on the street to an in home appointment that would address the blight on streets. The City Attorney is reviewing the waiver required for city staff to enter a dwelling and the Bureau of Sanitation is designing the pilot for CD1. I hope to launch this soon and invite you to use the new system.

I also co-authored a motion this month to re-establish the Recreational Zone Program along the LA River, a pilot that ended in summer 2013. The program consisted of various recreational activities. A report to the full Council is expected within thirty days.

Your participation in government is vital. Neighborhood Council elections are around the corner. I encourage you to get involved. The candidate filing deadline is March 12. See www.empowerla.org/gpnc for information.

Congratulations to Maggie Darett Quiroz as new GPIA President and the entire incoming board, and thank you Alisa Smith, past President and outgoing board. Your commitment to Glassell Park and improving the community is appreciated.

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

Sincerely,
Gilbert Cedillo

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

As some of you know, I recently joined Los Angeles Police Department Northeast Captain Jeff Bert at a town hall meeting. *Voice United* provided us the opportunity to hear directly from the Glassell Park neighborhood about the issues that concern residents the most.

We talked about safety, and ways my office along with the LAPD can help make our neighborhood safer. I heard the need for better community outreach, street sweeping, bulky item clean up, and graffiti paint out.

Dozens of folks showed up, and I believe we had a productive and encouraging conversation about the current state of affairs in Glassell Park, and specifically around Drew Street and Estara Avenue.

I've instructed my staff to work closely with community leaders to help ensure we continue this important work in Glassell Park, and together we've set aside the morning of March 15th to do a tree-trimming and beautification effort along Drew Street. We'll meet at the community garden at 9 a.m. and have a bbq afterward. I invite you all to join us!

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

Hello Glassell Park!

Councilmember Huizar had the pleasure of hosting 800 senior citizens from across Council District 14 at the 7th Annual Senior Snowball, held at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. After traveling from the senior centers to the hotel ballroom, folks enjoyed an afternoon of food, dancing, raffles, and fun. From the Bingo Club to the Domino Club to the dance club, over 60 Glassell Park Senior Citizens attended.

In the spirit of community, Northeast LA turned out for CD14's Highland Park cleanup. Altogether, over 300 people participated in the York Boulevard-based cleanup. Because of the turnout, we were able to cover a large area bound by Avenue 49 to the west, Avenue 56 to the east, Stratford Road to the north, and Lincoln Avenue to the south. A big thanks to all involved!

As an environmental advocate, Councilmember Huizar used his chairmanship of the Planning and Land Use committee to push forward the bee ordinance in the City Council. The Councilmember recognizes the importance of bees as pollinators and is deeply concerned by the bee population crisis. Furthermore, he is aware of the growing urban beekeeping movement and believes the city should address the issue rather than turn a blind eye to it. He has put forward a motion asking that the city look at non-lethal, humane relocation alternatives when responding to unwanted hives.

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Your Neighborhood Council needs you!

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council is holding an election for all 15 seats on its board on

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Your participation is important to the quality of life in our community--whether as a candidate or as a voter.

The Glassell Park Improvement Association encourages members and other stakeholders to file to run for a board seat & to VOTE.

The candidate filing form is on the next two pages, and the deadline to file (by mail, email or fax*) is March 12, 2014.

*if you fax the form, you cannot fax your applicable ID, which must be mailed or emailed only

Voting will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center, 3750 N. Verdugo Road, L.A. 90065

VOTING IS IN PERSON ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10AM-4PM

Go to: <http://empowerla.org/gpnc/> and click on 2014 elections for complete information

AS A BOARD MEMBER YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY! NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS ADVOCATE WITH THE CITY FOR LOCAL CONCERNS INCLUDING:

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- STREET MAINTENANCE**
- EMERGENCY PLANNING**
- SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS**
- STAKEHOLDER NEEDS**
- SUPPORT FOR ARTS & CULTURE**
- COMMUNITY-BASED EVENTS**



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REGION 8 - NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING FORM - 2014
REGIÓN 8 – ELECCIÓN DEL CONSEJO VECINAL SOLICITUD DE PRESENTACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS - 2014

(Arroyo Seco, Boyle Heights, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Greater Cypress Park, Historic Highland Park, LA-32, Lincoln Heights)

ATTENTION: All candidates appearing on the ballot must complete and submit this form by the close of business on **March 12, 2014**. Any forms received after this day will not be processed. There are no write-in candidates. Candidates must provide documentation and any other applicable identification (by mail or email only, NO FAXES) to establish their stakeholder status for the position to which they are applying by this deadline, otherwise their filing will not be complete. For more information regarding this form and acceptable forms of documentation, please go to www.empowerla.org/elections/ or call (213) 978-0444 or (818) 293-VOTE (8683).

ATENCIÓN: Todos los candidatos cuyos nombres aparecerán en la boleta electoral deberá completar y presentar este formulario al cierre del día hábil el **12 de marzo de 2014**. Todos los formularios recibidos después de esta fecha no serán procesados. No hay candidatos por escrito. Los candidatos deberán presentar la documentación y cualquier identificación aplicable (por correo o correo electrónico solamente, NO FAX) para establecer su condición de interesados para el cargo para el que está solicitando en este plazo, de lo contrario su solicitud no estará completa. Para obtener más información acerca de esta forma y las formas aceptables de documentación, por favor vaya a www.empowerla.org/elections/ o llame al (213) 978-0444 o (818) 293-VOTE (8683).

CANDIDATE INFORMATION/INFORMACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO

First Name <i>Primer Nombre</i>	Last Name <i>Apellido</i>	Middle Name <i>Segundo Nombre</i>
Street Address <i>Dirección Completa</i>		Zip Code <i>Código Postal</i>
Email Address <i>Correo Electrónico</i>		Phone Number <i>Número Telefónico</i>

Name as it will appear on the ballot/Nombre como aparecerá en la boleta: _____

PARTICIPANT CATEGORY/PARTICIPANTE CATEGORÍA:

I belong to the/*Yo pertenezco a la* _____
 Neighborhood Council, and/*Consejo Vecinal, y:*

- I AM A RESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NC) AND LIVE AT/YO SOY UN RESIDENTE DEL CONSEJO VECINAL Y VIVO EN:**
 - See address above/*Vea la dirección arriba*
 - Street Address/*Dirección Completa:* _____ Zip: _____
- I OWN A BUSINESS OR WORK IN THE NC AT/TENGO UN NEGOCIO O TRABAJO EN EL NC EN:**

Name of Business or Place of Work/*Nombre de la empresa o lugar de trabajo:* _____

Business Address/*Dirección de la empresa:* _____ Zip: _____
- I OWN PROPERTY IN THE NC AT/YO SOY DUEÑO DE PROPIEDAD EN EL NC EN:**

Property Address/*Dirección de la propiedad:* _____ Zip: _____
- I AM A COMMUNITY INTEREST STAKEHOLDER BASED ON THIS SUBSTANTIAL AND ONGOING PARTICIPATION/ SOY PARTE DEL GRUPO DE INTERÉS DE LA COMUNIDAD CON BASE EN ESTA PARTICIPACIÓN SUSTANCIAL Y ACTUAL:**

- OTHER/Otro motivo:** _____

Address/*Dirección:* _____

I QUALIFY AND AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING NC BOARD SEAT
YO CALIFICO Y ESTOY SOLICITANDO EL ASIENTO SIGUIENTE EN EL CONSEJO VECINAL

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT:
DECLARO BAJO PENA DE PERJURIO QUE LAS DECLARACIONES ANTERIORES SON VERDADERAS Y CORRECTAS:

Signature/*Firma:* _____ Date/*Fecha:* _____

Completed forms can be returned in 3 ways / Los formularios completos pueden ser devueltos en 3 maneras:

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 City Clerk - Election Division
 555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
Email to/Enviar por correo electrónico a: clerk.election@lacity.org
Fax to/o fax a: (213) 978-0376

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COMPLETE
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DOCUMENTATION _____ STATUS _____

VERIFIED BY (PRINT NAME) _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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First Name

Primer Nombre

Last Name

Apellido

All candidates have the option of submitting a Candidate Statement as part of their Candidate Filing application. Every candidate must adhere to the following guidelines when submitting a Candidate Statement:

- Must fit in the designated area below
- Must not exceed 150 word count limit (translations included)
- Must be at least 12-point font (if typed)
- Must be submitted no later than March 12, 2014
- May not include any profanity or comments about any other candidate

Candidates may submit a picture and include translations of the original statement complying with all aforementioned criteria. Candidate Statements will be available on www.empowerla.org and at the polling place on Election Day. Please print clearly as the statement will be scanned as is and not retyped. Thank you!

Todos los candidatos tienen la opción de presentar una declaración del candidato como parte de su solicitud de presentación de candidatos. Todos los candidatos deben cumplir con las siguientes pautas al presentar una declaración del candidato:

- *Debe caber en el área designada a continuación;*
- *No debe superar los 150 límite de palabras (traducciones incluidas);*
- *Debe tener al menos 12 puntos de la fuente (si es escrito);*
- *Deberá ser presentada a más tardar el 12 de marzo del 2014, y,*
- *No puede incluir palabras malsonantes o comentarios sobre cualquier otro candidato.*

Los candidatos podrán presentar una imagen y se incluyen las traducciones de la declaración original que cumpla con todos los criterios antes mencionados. Declaraciones de los candidatos estará disponible en www.empowerla.org y en el lugar de votación el día de la elección. Por favor escriba claramente que la declaración se analizará como está y no se volvera a teclear. ¡Gracias!

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT:

DECLARO BAJO PENA DE PERJURIO QUE LAS DECLARACIONES ANTERIORES SON VERDADERAS Y CORRECTAS:

Signature/Firma: _____

Date/Fecha: _____



Marijuana shop near school closed

Thanks to LAPD Senior Lead Officer Frank Serrano and CD1 Representative Jose Rodriguez along with GPIA President Maggie Darett-Quiroz, who brought the issue to their attention, the LAPD closed down the marijuana dispensary “Coughy Shop” on February 6th.

The shop was located on San Fernando Road within a few feet of a private school, Ribet Academy, in a clearly marked school zone. In addition to Ribet Academy, there are six schools along that stretch of San Fernando Road.

New street lighting on San Fernando Road

The LADWP installed a new streetlight on Edward Street at San Fernando Road across from Super King Market, an area that was in dire need of lighting.

GPIA Board Member Mark Quiroz worked with CD1 Deputy District Director Jose Rodriguez and Glassell Park’s Senior Lead Officer Frank Serrano in this effort to improve safety in our community. In addition to adding the light, the city painted the curb red on one side and yellow on the other to ease traffic congestion from the market’s customers.



Ongoing cleanups in alleyways making a big difference

As a result of teamwork between the GPIA--especially Area Representative Mark Quiroz--and the LA Conservation Corps, local alleys and other off-street dumping grounds in Glassell Park have seen major cleanups and ongoing maintenance.

Since the first of the year, LA Conservation Corps has been diligently keeping Glassell Park on their schedule.

Thank you to CD1 Deputy District Director Jose Rodriguez for fostering the initial communication between the GPIA and the LA Conservation Corps.

North East Trees 2014 Earth Day Festival

North East Trees hosts its Second Annual Earth Day Fest on Sunday, May 4th, at the Los Angeles River Center & Gardens. This fundraiser will feature local artists and craftspersons selling their works, live music, exhibits and information about the work of local environmental organizations, volunteer opportunities, activities for kids, food, craft beer, wine and fresh lemonade, prize drawings and more.



Each exhibitor donates a portion of sales to North East Trees, a non-profit that has been planting an urban forest (90,000 native trees and plants so far), designing and building parks in the most resource-challenged and high density neighborhoods of Los Angeles, building and enhancing hiking trails, and training and hiring at-risk youth for over 20 years.

The event is open to the public, is free to attend, and has ample free parking at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 W. Avenue 26, or on nearby streets. For more information, call 323-441-8634 x30 or email the organization at simran@northeasttrees.org.



Return of the GLASSELLAND sign

Put up anonymously last year on a hill below the Forest Lawn Cemetery, the GLASSELLAND sign was quickly taken down.

It was redesigned, twice as big, and relocated to a hill overlooking the Glassell Park Recreation Center. It was visible from the baseball diamond, the swimming pool, and the 2 freeway, but the sign was not authorized by the property owner and was again removed.

Now the artist has revealed himself with a campaign to rebuild the sign and put it back up. Artist Justin Stadel states: “I have located property close to the prior location with owners who have authorized placement of the sign....Basic funding goes towards the redesign, fabrication, and installation of the sign. Funding beyond the goal will go towards a comprehensive support structure, long-term maintenance, and solar-powered lighting.”

To participate in the new, improved sign’s resurrection, go to: <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/glassellland>

Among the items offered for various donation levels, are: a GLASSELLAND bumper sticker and/or t-shirt.



GPIA supports saving landmark as a park & river crossing

Following a presentation by Tomas O’Grady at the January 2014 meeting, the GPIA sent a letter of support for the Enrich LA-RAC Design Build proposal to suspend the planned demolition of the historic, registered landmark Figueroa-Riverside steel span bridge in order to repurpose the bridge as an elevated public park space adjoining the Los Angeles River’s existing walk and bike path.

The bridge is being replaced not because it is structurally unsound, but because its nearly 45-degree turn from Figueroa onto Riverside Drive has been deemed unsafe. The Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has acknowledged the park conversion plan is feasible, and the City is undertaking a scoping report to determine detailed feasibility.

The new “landbridge” would span the train tracks and the river and provide much-needed green space as well as a crossing exclusively for bikers and walkers. For more information, maps and illustrations, go to: <http://enrichla.org/the-landbridge-at-figueroa/>

The new Riverside Bridge, currently under construction, will feature three “view points” on the north side of the bridge. These belvedere areas will make it easy for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy the sweeping northern river views and the mountains beyond. The bridge will also have a 12 foot bike lane and a 6 foot pedestrian walkway, making it a great way to cross the river between Riverside Drive and Figueroa. The new bridge is more than 50 percent complete and will open in late 2015.



View of the current and new Riverside Bridges looking south downriver toward downtown Los Angeles.

Stop! Go Back! NC Candidate Filing form on page 7!

GPIA looks at teaming with Little Big Athletes and CD13 to bring programs to Juntos Park

Little Big Athletes offers programs structured to meet the needs of boys and girls--whether beginner, intermediate or advanced players--with an emphasis on good sportsmanship and teamwork in an all-inclusive, safe environment.



While teaching multiple year-round sports to children of all ages, genders, abilities and disabilities, Little Big Athletes focusses on learning to follow directions & take turns and developing coordination & self-esteem.

According to Little Big Athletes, the most important aspect of what they teach is that “winning isn’t everything”.

The GPIA has invited Little Big Athletes to present a proposal to bring their enrichment program to Glassell Park’s Juntos Park. Located at the south end of Drew Street, Juntos Park is under used by neighborhood children and families.

GPIA Committee Chairs/Representatives for 2014

GPIA President Maggie Darett-Quiroz named committee chairs for 2014: Education Co-Chairs are Myriam Magana and Alisa Smith. Land-Use Representative is Helene Schpak. Seniors Representative is Helen Jacobs; and Bulletin Editor is Marge Piane.



Former GPIA President and current City Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell swears in the 2014 GPIA Board of Directors. L-R are: John Geary, Elizabeth Gallardo, Brian Frobisher, Joan Potter, Jim Kiehl, Maggie Darett-Quiroz, Mark Quiroz and Councilmember O’Farrell.

Councilmember O’Farrell swears in new GPIA Board

On January 15th, at the first General Membership meeting of the GPIA in 2014, Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, CD13, gave the oath of office to the new Board of Directors.

New President Maggie Darett-Quiroz presented her vision for the coming year. She and the board plan to focus on the basic premise of the GPIA: improving our neighborhood. Maggie brought a number of projects and pledged to complete at least two major beautification efforts this year. In addition, the GPIA will actively seek new members and new local business participation in community betterment.

Maggie referred the meeting’s attendees to a YouTube video that claims one street in Glassell Park is the “dirtiest street in Los Angeles”, and vowed to clean up our community and keep it clean.

A full list of Board members can be found on the back cover.

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VOTE! 4/26

GPNC ELECTION
 10am - 4pm
 GP Community & Senior Center
 3750 N. Verdugo Road



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 El Consejo del Vecindario de Glassell Park

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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.

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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 _____
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Please check all that apply:

- Individual membership (\$15)
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- 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!



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Upcoming Events

March 12

Candidate filing period closes for GPNC Board positions

March 13

GPIA General Membership meeting, see front cover

March 15

Drew Street Tree Trimming & Beautification Community Event, plus free BBQ, 3304 Drew St., 9am

March 29

Job Fair, 10a-1p, Dodger Stadium, lacomunityjobfair.com

March 29

7th Annual Peace in the Northeast Walk and Festival, 12:15-5:15pm, starts at 2400 Colorado Blvd. & ends at 2500 W. Verdugo Rd., Glassell Park

April 26

Election Day for Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Board of Directors, GP Community & Senior Center, 10am-4pm

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