

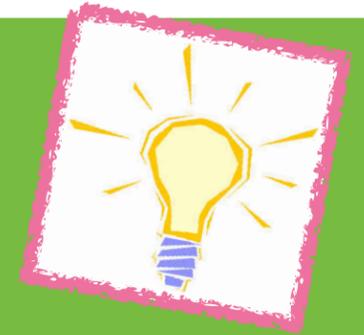
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GLASSELL PARK
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
NEWS

Let's talk about improvements!



As the Glassell Park IMPROVEMENT Association, let's discuss how we can make our neighborhood better for all of us. Perhaps an orchard?



Please come to the next GPIA meeting Thursday, **March 21st.**

Tree People will talk with us about a **community orchard** in Glassell Park!

Meet our new LAPD **Senior Lead Officer, Adam Mezquita.**

Bring your **ideas** for improving Glassell Park. Field Deputies 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

★ **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3/21** ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held on

Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 7pm

at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center

3750 N. Verdugo Road, L.A. 90065



The Community Center is located behind the Public Storage building.

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

What's going on in Glassell Park?

✓ **Foreclosures + Squatters = Crime, says LAPD**

It appears that more and more squatters are occupying abandoned and foreclosed houses, and the rise correlates to increased property crime according to LAPD crime analysis. Unfortunately, Glassell Park has quite a few of these empty properties as well as houses that developers have left unfinished. If you notice suspicious activity, contact the Northeast Community Station: (323) 344-5701.

✓ **Polling places may have changed**

To find your polling place, look on the back of your sample ballot, call 888-873-1000 or go to <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/>

✓ **Fresh & Easy market**

The "neighborhood market" chain sent an email to subscribers addressing "numerous news and online reports" about the future of the stores. In it, they stated that Tesco, their parent company, is "looking at all options" and that "we don't know exactly what that outcome will be"; however, "we don't have plans to close stores".

✓ **Senior Lead Officer Leo Rey leaves GP**

Glassell Park's longtime LAPD Senior Lead Officer Leo Rey has been reassigned. Officer Adam Mezquita is the area's new SLO on an interim basis. The LAPD will conduct interviews in the next few months before assigning a permanent SLO.

✓ **GP among top ten "hottest" neighborhoods**

Real estate listings site, Redfin, released its top ten most "up and coming" U.S. neighborhoods for 2013. California had 8 of the 10, and Northeast L.A. had 3: Highland Park, Eagle Rock and Glassell Park. According to Redfin, "the hottest neighborhoods are all seeing shrinking selection, increasing sales, and increasing prices--often at rates far above the metro areas that contain them."

✓ **Graffiti removal hotline**

The County Public Works department has a toll-free hotline that promises graffiti cleanup within 48 hours. To report graffiti, call 800-675-4357.

✓ **Prevent copper wire theft**

The city has seen a significant increase in copper wire theft from the street lighting system. The Bureau of Street Lighting is asking residents to call 911 if they observe a theft in progress or see any suspicious activity around streetlights.

✓ **Fletcher Square store has closed**

Shims Bargain Center, at San Fernando Rd. and Fletcher St., has closed. The 11,600 square foot space is for lease. The owners are willing to divide it into smaller storefronts and upgrade the facade.

✓ **Illegal dumping**

The Bureau of Sanitation has a toll-free number for bulky item pickup, it also works to report illegal dumping: 800-773-2489.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GPIA Members,

Thank you so much for your continued membership support! I am sure you have retained your membership in great part due to this terrific newsletter that Marge pulls together for us 6 times a year. Your contribution is entirely tax deductible because we do not allocate a cost to this newsletter, as for us, the GPIA Board and the community, it has become priceless!

Some good/bad news for our Director of Glassell Park Recreation Center--Ramon Bernal has been transferred to Lincoln Heights. We know he will serve them well, and we won't have to miss him, because as a lifetime resident of Glassell Park and member of GPIA he will still be here with us. We wish him good luck with his new post, and it is comforting to know that our neighbors to the east will be well served by him. We have his thoughtful leadership to thank for the many improvements, not only to the Park, but the area around it as well. Whether dealing with issues that arise from homeless people to teenagers to the high volume of users the park has, Ramon has always been stalwart and conscientious and respectful to all. And it shows. A heartfelt THANK YOU to him for his many years of service for the betterment of our community.

This morning at Lemon Poppy, I met with George Villaneuva and Elizabeth Gallardos (GPIA Secretary) regarding the new Riverfront District for Northeast

L.A. We should have a meeting devoted to this project, as the scale is quite large and the potential collaboration efforts could have a great impact on how our city is developed in the future. You can find more information about the project here: <http://www.kcet.org/socal/departures/lariver/confluence/river-notes/northeast-la-communities-to-be-envisioned-as-a-riverfront-district.html>

George has been a long time friend of Glassell Park and supporter of thoughtful development, currently getting his PhD at USC and part of the Metamorphosis project and blogger at KCET. Stay tuned for more info!!

After coffee George and I visited the place next door, where someone had told me they are now serving a buffet with Indian food on the weekends. Sure enough, the new owner (four months) was there, and we tried some *delicious* vegetarian dishes. Sohan said he will keep the Mexican cuisine for the regulars and offers mostly vegetarian dishes from the Punjab region on Saturdays and Sundays for \$9.99 all you can eat. The restaurant is La Cocina, and the buffet is from 11am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday. He will make a plate of Indian food during the week for you too, but it's whatever he has prepared that day.

We have also had the suggestion to hold the proposed Farmers Market there in the parking lot behind the market at 3322 Verdugo Road, and I urge everyone who is interested in bringing a Farmers Market to Glassell Park to go the meeting at the Community & Senior Center at 6:30pm on the 28th organized by CD13.

Obviously food is one of my favorite subjects, but the GPIA wants to hear your ideas too-- please come to the meetings, and let us know how you feel about life here in Glassell Park.

Sincerely yours,
Alisa

What is happening to our sidewalks?

GPIA gets a response from the Department of Public Works regarding the asphalt sidewalks that were executed last summer:

"The repairs made at the 2900 block of Valle Vista Drive were made in May of 2012. The trees at the referenced location were inspected by an arborist from our Urban Forestry Division, and their recommendation at the time was that the affected trees could not withstand root pruning. Hence, it was determined that all of the sidewalk repairs would be done in asphalt except for one of the aprons. "--Luis Santana

Nazario Saucedo, the General Manager of the Department, noted further: "The condition of the sidewalk was very poor, and a safety-related decision was made to improve it with the ultimate goal of providing a better, safer and more passable sidewalk. While the color of the sidewalk may be dark, saving the trees and providing a safe pathway are two very important matters that improve the quality of life of the residents in the area. Unfortunately, there has not been an official sidewalk reconstruction program since 2009, so repairs using concrete were not feasible at that time."

As part of the LANCC executive board, I am pushing for a method whereby community members can weigh in on the priorities of the Department's decisions. I think you will agree that we have sidewalks in Glassell Park that need more attention, and that the work that was done on Valley Vista was overkill, and therefore a waste of limited city resources.

--Alisa

AQMD approves funds to replace Metrolink trains

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Board voted unanimously to fund the replacement of up to 20 Tier 0 diesel locomotives with Tier 4 locomotives. The revolutionary new locomotives are expected to reduce emissions by 86 percent. The first three demonstration locomotives are scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2015.

Metrolink's Board Chair, and the senior staff conveyed gratitude to the various community groups, non-profit organizations and elected officials that supported this initiative. The GPIA, especially John Geary and Alisa Smith, supported neighbors in Elysian Valley in their effort to bring the issue of pollution from trains to the attention of Metrolink and the AQMD.

"This is a significant milestone in Metrolink's efforts to operate the most efficient and environmentally friendly commuter rail system in the nation," said Board Chair Richard Katz.



LAPD's Northeast station broadcasts videos

The Northeast Los Angeles Division of LAPD, located in Glassell Park, is broadcasting informative videos specific to our area. Produced once or twice a month, the videos last five to seven minutes and feature local captains or detectives who let the community know what's going on in the neighborhoods.

The webcasts are produced in-house by the station's Crime Analysis Detail using equipment donated to the station through fundraising by BLEND (Business Law Enforcement Northeast Division), a police booster organization.

The Northeast station already has an informative Facebook presence, and Captain Murphy is a strong supporter of social media interaction. In fact, over 100 tips have been submitted to Northeast police officers through such media.

The Northeast LAPD station can be found at Facebook.com and Twitter.com under the name "Northeast Area LAPD", and the videos can be found on YouTube.com under the name "LAPDNortheast".

Council Districts Deputy Reports

Council District **1** report from
Daniel Andalon
Field Deputy for
Councilmember Ed Reyes

As part of his ongoing efforts to revitalize the Los Angeles River, Councilmember Reyes recently launched a federally-funded partnership to renew riverfront communities. Glassell Park is one of a handful of areas identified to benefit from that federal boost. The Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative (NELA RC) is an ambitious urban planning effort that envisions the fully-functioning river as an opportunity for neighborhood renewal. The NELA RC is funded by a \$2.25 million Community Challenge grant from the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities. In addition to Glassell Park, the NELA RC focuses on Atwater, Cypress Park, Elysian Valley and Lincoln Heights. Through a community engagement component of the NELA RC, Reyes aims to address the communities's priorities as we continue to transform the L.A. River for job creation, natural habitat preservation and expansion, recreation and education. The NELA RC is integral to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, spearheaded by Councilmember Reyes, a 25-50 year blueprint to transform the L.A. River into a greenbelt connecting communities. Glassell Park's connection to the L.A. River will strengthen with time as we undergo the NELA RC process. The NELA RC team is led by the Los Angeles Community Development Dept., and includes the L.A. River Revitalization Corporation, Los Angeles Planning Department, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, the L.A. Conservation Corps and KCET *Departures*. Visit www.mylariver.org for updates.

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Council District **13** report from
Sally Martinez
Field Deputy for
Councilmember Eric Garcetti

On the Martin Luther King Day of Service our friends from the Fletcher Square Neighborhood, the Peruvian Cultural Center, and the LAPD Northeast Division teamed up with Glassell Park neighbors to clean-up Delay Drive and Roswell Street.

The streets have long been plagued with illegal dumping and the wall on Daley Drive has been a magnet for graffiti. Together we planted about 40 vines along the wall to deter the graffiti and removed the trash from both Delay and Roswell Street!

In February we started a free Children's Organic Garden Workshop at the Glassell Park Community Garden to teach children how to grow their own fruits and veggies. The workshop will run on the second Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Take advantage of this workshop and use it as a tool to encourage healthy eating by your family.

The Glassell Park Farmers Market Community Meeting is scheduled to take place on February 28 at Glassell Park Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Ramon Bernal, the Recreation and Parks Director, is leaving Glassell Park. Ramon was promoted and has left to be director at the Lincoln Heights Recreation and Parks Center. His last day was February 15. Ramon was the director at Glassell Park for 12 years. He was pleasure to work with, and cared about the parks in our community. We're happy that he was promoted but will miss having him around.

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Council District **14** report from
Nate Hayward
Field Deputy for
Councilmember José Huizar

On February 2nd, community leaders and Councilmember Huizar hosted a ribbon-cutting for the first parklet in the City of Los Angeles on York Boulevard. Parklets are extensions of the sidewalk that provide additional recreational space to pedestrians and businesses. The parklet is one of four pilot parklets, all in Council District 14, that the Department of Transportation and Department of City Planning are studying in order to implement a city-wide parklet program. Councilmember Huizar hopes to work with communities such as Glassell Park and Eagle Rock to install parklets in those communities as well.

On February 13th, I met with GPNC representatives from the Verdugo Village area to discuss ways that CD14 can increase community participation and awareness in the area. CD14 hopes to work with the GPNC and GPIA to plan a Verdugo Village block party for sometime this spring. The event will provide local residents with information about city departments as well as local service providers in the area.

On Tuesday, February 19th, Councilmember Huizar hosted the 6th Annual Council District 14 Senior Snow Ball. The event brought together over 800 seniors from across the district at the Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles for a night of food, music, dancing, and raffles. Over 50 seniors from Glassell Park braved the weather and journeyed to downtown for this great event. Special thanks to the Glassell Park Seniors Group and Glassell Park Dance Troop for attending!

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York parklet sets pedestrian precedent

by Elizabeth Gallardo

After more than a year of hard work by local activists, community facilitators, and Council District 14, Los Angeles debuted its first city-sanctioned parklets, one of which lies in Northeast LA on York Boulevard. In the past, many people would have dismissed the idea of taking parking from an LA street as ridiculous, bad for business, or just plain impossible (to clarify, this parklet was actually placed along an already-red curb). But today we are in the midst of a cultural shift that has both the city and communities endorsing different visions of what they want their neighborhoods to be and who they want their neighborhoods to serve. This vision sees pedestrian-oriented street culture as an economic



development tool, a cultural generator, and a means to provide eyes on the street for improved public safety.

The York Boulevard parklet came out of an organic, community-driven process that was assisted and facilitated by Councilman Huizar's office. This process is indicative of the cultural shift we are experiencing, so I will

go into a bit of detail as to *why* this process was different, and *how* we can hope to replicate it in the future.

Originally, CD 14 had been awarded a sum of money to create plans for York Boulevard and Huntington Drive. Typically in the past, there would probably have been some community outreach, and then a document created that would likely sit on a shelf for the rest of its life. This time though, the Council Office pursued a different strategy- they enlisted a community engagement team- Steve Rasmussen Cancian's Shared Spaces, Green LA Coalition, and Living Streets LA- and set to work creating a document for community empowerment.

Instead of creating a set vision for the future, the public workshops produced the new York Plan, which basically serves as a user's manual for future improvements. Included is a "step by step guide on how to transform your Main Street"- detailed

instructions in how to go about achieving the physical improvements sought by the community. Also included is a resource list for assistance, funding, and all the applications & forms needed to pursue the improvements. The document could be considered a demystification of the city's often difficult to navigate bureaucracy.

The York parklet was one of these improvements, and its existence helped guide city policy to actually formalize the permitting process of

these radical new street amenities. Today, parklets have a home in the Department of Transportation, which has established a new placemaking program called Streets for People. This program will permit and expedite community-led efforts to place plazas, parklets, and bike corrals in under-utilized roadway as a means of activating the streetscape.

All parklets provide shared leisure space that is free and open to the public. They offer meeting places, resting places, eating places. By providing ambient seating for pedestrians, people can spend more time on York, and as any good economic development expert will tell you, more time means more dollars captured by the local businesses. The street, already home of the city's first bike corral, a road diet, and bike lanes, increasingly provides a safe, amenity-rich, and pedestrian prioritized environment.

Instead of existing as a commuter pass-through, these efforts have contributed to make York Boulevard a destination. And now, any community in Los Angeles can aim for the same. To view or download the plans, please visit <http://www.livingstreetsla.org/resources-2/york-blvd-huntington-drive-vision-and-action-plans/>

Elizabeth Gallardo is completing her Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Cal Poly Pomona and works as an intern in the Pedestrian Division of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. She is also the GPIA's Secretary.



Hillside Produce Cooperative going strong

The Hillside Produce Cooperative, started 4 years ago by Glassell Park resident, Hynden Walch, is thriving.

Beginning with a plan to share extra home grown fruit and vegetables among a handful of neighbors, the cooperative now has 500 members who exchange everything from carrots to kombucha. It's a food free-for-all, and the key word is "free"--the HPC's motto is: "No Money Ever!"



There are two forms of exchanging goods:

- in the first, participants bring their bags of items to share and leave them on Hynden's doorstep. Volunteers show up at noon and sort, count and distribute everything into bags. The bags--now containing some of everything--go back on the steps, and participants come pick them up.
- in the second--called the "drop & swap"--participants all arrive at noon, everyone puts their goods on Hynden's floor, and then everyone takes what they like.

Every month Hynden emails the membership and announces the date of the exchange and what form it will take that month.

To join, contact Hynden at hillsideproducecoop@gmail.com or find Hillside Produce Cooperative on Facebook and join there.



Moss Canyon community orchard

The GPIA is forming a committee to look into the possibility of creating a Community Orchard on the paper street that is the floor of Moss Canyon. As a start, Alisa Smith invited Steve Hofvendahl of TreePeople to speak at the March general meeting.



Steve is manager of TreePeople's Fruit Tree Program that helps people grow fruit as efficiently as possible.

One of their newer concepts is Public Orchard, a communal effort to grow fruit trees in an urban setting, whereby TreePeople can supply trees and possibly help with labor events and education about fruit trees.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the project committee should attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 21st, or contact the GPIA at gpia90065@gmail.com

Del Aire Fruit Park - model for Moss Canyon?

The Del Aire Fruit Park, located at 12601 S. Isis Avenue in Hawthorne, is a ground-breaking civic art commission designed to provide the community with an urban orchard that will be sustained, nurtured and harvested by the public.

Artist collective Fallen Fruit, through public engagement and a close collaboration with the Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Department of Parks and Recreation, planted the Del Aire Fruit Park. It is the first of its kind in California.

The fruit park includes an orchard with 27 fruit trees, ranging from peach to plum, 8 native grapevines and edible herbs -- all of which will be harvested freely by the community. The fruit park spills into the neighborhood as more than 60 fruit trees were distributed to local residents making this truly an orchard without boundaries.

Free fruit?

If you see a tree crowded with ripe fruit, but it's in someone's yard, what is the protocol?

If the branches are hanging into public property, or into your own yard, the fruit is yours to pick; if not, ask before you pick--knock on the door, or leave a note with your phone number.

Chances are, if all that fruit is still on the tree, the owner would welcome someone who'll pick it for them. It's all about generosity, courtesy and neighborliness--most people want to share, just ask.

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How to receive City Planning Early Notification Reports

The Los Angeles City Planning Department issues a bi-weekly listing of all recent permit and entitlement (development and land use) requests. This "Early Notification Report" is organized by city council district, and is available via email to anyone who subscribes. "Often people don't know about new developments until they hear construction noise," said Haydee Urita-Lopez, the Los Angeles City Planning Department's liaison to neighborhood councils.

To sign up for an email subscription:

- go to cityplanning.lacity.org
- click the "meetings and hearings" tab on the left
- click "subscribe to notifications"
- click on the hyper-link: "There are special reports not based on geographical planning areas. To subscribe or unsubscribe to these reports click here"
- click "bi-weekly case filing"
- click "subscribe or unsubscribe to the list"
- provide your email address and follow the prompts to register.

GP Farmers Market update

A meeting to discuss a Glassell Park Farmers Market was scheduled for February 28th, too late for a report in this issue. Call or email Sally Martinez, CD13, for information: 323-478-9002 or sally.martinez@lacity.org



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Glassell Park's community garden



A community garden, located at 3304 Drew Street, near Estara, is open to all residents of Glassell Park, and allows neighborhood families and friends to cultivate a 4 x 8 foot raised bed plot. Currently there are two plots available. The rent is \$3.00 per month, and the plots are leased for 2 years. Rules for gardeners are posted inside the lot. Gardeners meet on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9-10am.

For information call: Maggie Daret-Quiroz at 323-788-1323 or Sally Martinez, CD13, at 323-478-9002.



Maggie Darett-Quiroz, Beautification Chair

by Paulina Darett

On January 19, 2013 the Glassell Park community came together and held a community clean up to celebrate Martin Luther King Junior's birthday. Mark Quiroz and Maggie Darett-Quiroz, with the assistance of Cal Trans, have adopted a highway near their home, located on Moss Avenue and Edward Avenue. This location became a center of renovation and beautification. With the presence of students from the Alliance for College Ready High School, Councilman Ed Reyes, and Channel 2 News, the community clean up served as a remarkable way to commemorate such a historical day.



During the Holiday season, Mitch O'Farrell, Mark Quiroz, Maggie Darett-Quiroz and Paulina Darett distributed children's clothing, toys and books thanks to the donations of the Glassell Park Garden School. The items were given to the community on Drew Street, and the children were very grateful and thankful.



It was such a joy to bring smiles to so many families in our Glassell Park community.



Paul McDermott, History Chair



San Antonio River Walk

For decades the City of Angeles has treated its river with benign neglect, paving over with cement the river which was responsible for its geographic location.

But now a renewed focus on the River's recreational potential has attracted new interest. Los Angeles is one of seven cities chosen for a federal pilot project to revitalize polluted urban waterways. In 1930 the landscape architect and urban planner, Frederick Law Olmsted Jr, whose father helped design New York City's Central Park, had argued for making the Los Angeles River a city centerpiece. His plan was unfortunately never adopted and the waterway was channelized for flood control.

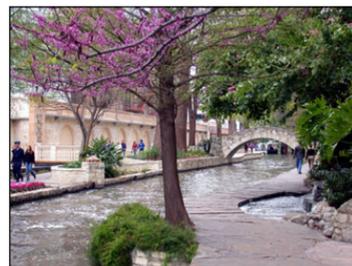
San Antonio, Texas, on the other hand has become a model and an inspiration for the ways their rivers can enhance the livability and attraction of cities like Monterrey, Mexico, which completed its river walk in 2007.

San Antonio's model is also an example of how vision and perseverance can win out.

The River Walk, which is now one of San Antonio's most distinctive attractions, along with the Alamo, and pours nearly \$800 million a year into the local economy, came to fruition only after years of contentious debate over its vision, long periods of neglect, and a shortage of funding.

In 1929 an architect by the name of Robert Hugman proposed an imaginative plan that would transform the loop section of the river into a beautiful, idyllic urban park, with tree-shaded walkways and "floating" sidewalks lit by old-fashioned street lamps, shops, restaurants, and apartments. He drew his inspiration from the narrow, winding streets of old Spanish cities and the canals of Venice, Italy.

Conservationists fought Hugman's vision of a commercialized river. Since 2009, however, their vision of an ecologically protected river corridor has been realized. Bike and hiking paths now extend north to the San Antonio Museum of Art and south to the southernmost San Antonio missions.



San Antonio River Walk

Do you know this long-time Glassell Park resident?



This family of performers made their way across America in 1917, traveling from Brooklyn, New York, where a terrible polio epidemic was sweeping the city, to Hollywood, California.

Sometimes they rode the train, but when money was short, they walked from one town to the next performing Shakespeare. It took them a year to get to California.

Once here, nearly all of the family was involved in the film industry in some way.

One member of this troupe currently resides in Glassell Park.

The subject of a feature story on the local ABC station and special coverage in the "Los Angeles Times", our mystery resident turned 100 in January.

Here's a clue: another member of the family has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Can you guess who our neighbor is? (The answer will appear in our May issue.)

CDI Candidates Forum

Candidates for Los Angeles City Council representing Council District 1, attended a January forum hosted by the GPIA and moderated by GPIA President Alisa Smith.

After brief introductions, each candidate answered questions of particular interest to Glassell Park residents that were submitted by a large local audience.

Afterward, candidates were available for one-on-one conversations.

The election is Tuesday, March 5, 2013.



LtoR: Jesse Rosas, Gil Cedillo, William Rodriguez Morrison, Jose Gardea & Alisa Smith

GPIA 2013 Board of Directors sworn in

Former GPIA president, and current Los Angeles City Council candidate, Mitch O'Farrell makes good use of the GPIA News, by reading the names of the 2013 GPIA Board of Directors from the back cover.

Mitch took time from his busy campaign schedule to administer the oath of office at the January GPIA general meeting.

The new and continuing board members introduce themselves on page 10.



LtoR: Mitch O'Farrell, Alisa Smith, Jim Kiehl, Janis McCarthy, Elizabeth Gallardo, Brian Frobisher.

2013 GPIA Board of Directors



Alisa Smith, President

When Alisa moved to Glassell Park in 2001 she had no idea she would become so engaged with our community. Glassell Park has an incredible number of people who are very committed to not accepting what is tossed our way, when we know things could, and should be better. Alisa also had no idea she had any leadership skills and thanks everyone for teaching her so well. She currently also serves on the executive committee for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition and is working on city wide issues.

Janis McCarthy, Vice-President



I have been both a resident of Glassell Park and a GPIA member for over 20 years. It's important to me to be a concerned and active member of the community and assist in the improvement of the area in which I reside. My dream for Glassell Park? How about a Farmers' Market, scenic streetscape and more diverse options in retail and restaurants? Working in food service for LAUSD comprises a large part of my day, but in my free time my interests include landscaping, cooking, animal rescue and cheering on my Duke Blue Devils and the San Francisco Giants!



Jim Kiehl, Treasurer

I have lived in Glassell Park for 14 years and been a member of the GPIA for 12 years. I am a Claims Adjuster by trade. I have been on the board for the GPIA for 2 years as President (2009 and 2010), 3 years as Treasurer prior to this year and 2 or 3 years as an area representative. In my spare time I enjoy home repair projects and support of the environmental movement.

Elizabeth Gallardo, Secretary



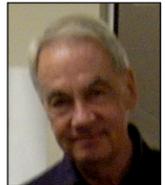
Elizabeth Gallardo is a NELA native & urban planner. She is completing her master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning at Cal Poly Pomona, specializing in neighborhood revitalization through existing infrastructures, placemaking, community engagement, and sustainability. Elizabeth is currently working on her thesis, Reviving Street Culture in Northeast LA, and interning in the Department of Transportation's Pedestrian Division, assisting with their new plaza, parklet, and bike corral program, Streets for People. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys swimming at the Glassell Park Pool.



Joan Potter, Improvement Chair

Starting out as a kid in Huntington Park, I have ended up a senior in Highland Park...with a few steps in-between. One 10 year stop was in Glassell Park. At the invitation of home owner Sharon Lilly, I moved from the flatland of Long Beach, to a hillside bungalow with a view of Forest Lawn. Enmeshed in the sociability of the Northeast, I happily spend my time with the folks of the Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Highland Park Ebell Club, Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, and of course the beloved GPIA.

John Geary, Area Representative 1



John is a retired attorney. He now works as a volunteer in the research department at the Los Angeles Zoo, and as a volunteer at the Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs. He has been a member of the GPIA for many years, caring about the neighbors and neighborhood where he has lived since 1980.



Mark Quiroz, Area Representative 2

Mark Quiroz is a Los Angeles native and has lived in Glassell Park for 14 years. He is a United States Navy Veteran of 22 years who proudly serves his community with the same goals and integrity as he served his country. He strives to make our community a safe and clean area for all to come and live. He has been a GPIA member for the last 11 years and is one of the co-founders of the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council and part of the Northeast Veterans Committee. He proudly shares the GPIA's founding day with his birthday.

Brian Frobisher, Area Representative 3



A Los Angeles native, 20+ years living in Glassell Park, I became interested in local events originally through the Public Storage building mess and then subsequent community planning issues, McDonalds, etc. I like to keep an eye on things in my area of Glassell Park, road/drainage issues, illegal dumping, abandoned property abuse, etc. My hobbies include bicycling (mostly mountain biking these days) and Amateur radio. I look forward to the 2013 GPIA season, let's all work together to make it a good one.



Margaret Quinn "Peggy"
1912-2013

Like many residents of California, Margaret Allen Evans did not start out here. She was born in Nichols, Missouri and spent her early years on a family farm with her five brothers and sisters. Mrs. Quinn, known to most of her neighbors as Peggy, was born January 6, 1912. Her grandparents came to this country from Ireland. The family visited California when Peggy was a child, and eventually, she made the move herself in 1947, driving her 1939 black Mercury Club Coupe with red upholstery. In 1976, Peggy married Warren "Joe" Quinn and moved to his home in Glassell Park. Mrs. Quinn passed away at home on February 13th. She was 101.

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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 gpia90065@gmail.com to request a rate sheet.

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JOIN the GPIA!

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

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

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

Please check all that apply:

- Individual membership (\$15)
- Senior (60+) (\$12)
- Household membership (\$25)
- Business membership (\$25)
- New membership
- Renewal membership
- Please email my newsletter

Please send this form, along with your check, to: GPIA / P.O. Box 65881 / Los Angeles, CA 90065 OR bring the completed form and your check to our next meeting!



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Upcoming Events

March 2

LA Community Job Fair, Dodger Stadium, 10a-1p, info at: lacomunityjobfair.com

March 5

VOTE! Primary nominating election

March 8

Council for Watershed Health symposium on LA River restoration, 8a-12:30p, info: watershedhealth.org

March 9 & April 13

NELA Art Walk, go to <http://nelaart.org> for a map

March 19 & April 16

GP Neighborhood Council meeting, 7pm, Community & Senior Center

March 21

GPIA General Meeting, 7pm, see front cover for details

March 30

Science Day, LA Public Library, 1-3pm, info: www.lapl.org

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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