

GLASSELL PARK  
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**NEWS**



View of Van de Kamps Bakery at Fletcher Drive and San Fernando Road from the Los Angeles Public Library collection. Possibly dated 1930.

The GPIA is looking for photos, videos and other memorabilia of Glassell Park for a documentary being produced for the occasion of our 50th Anniversary next year. If you have any old photos, or not-so-old photos, videos, documents or other Glassell Park-related material, we would like to copy or photograph them. Please contact the GPIA through the website: [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org).

The GPIA General Membership meeting is Thursday, May 11th at 7:00pm



Our topic will be: **Health & Wellness** opportunities in Glassell Park with guest speakers from the community



**GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5/11/17**

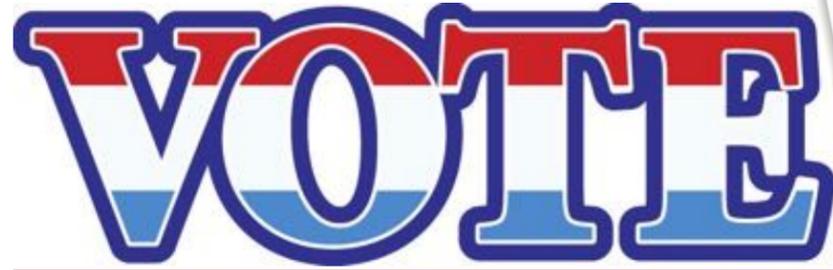


The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held **Thursday, May 11th, at 7pm** at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center 3750 N. Verdugo Road, L.A. 90065



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?**



**Elections are May 16th & June 6th!**

✓ **City Council District 1 election on May 16th**

A runoff election to elect the Councilmember who will represent CD 1 will be held on May 16th. The candidates are Joe Bray-Ali and incumbent Gil Cedillo. See page 4 for candidate statements.

✓ **U.S. Congressional District 34 election on June 6th**

A runoff election will be held on June 6th to elect District 34's next Congressperson. The two candidates for the seat are Jimmy Gomez and Robert Lee Ahn. See page 5 for candidate statements.

✓ **GPIA forms "Friends of Walnut Canyon" committee**

Continuing our tradition of supporting open space in Glassell Park, and especially preserving Walnut Canyon, President Eric Tallman formed a new GPIA committee, "Friends of Walnut Canyon" and named Suzan Olson Davis to chair.

✓ **Free emergency alert system for the City of Los Angeles**

NotifyLA is a free emergency information tool that sends alerts and information about local hazards like earthquakes, floods, fires and evacuations. Go to [www.notifyLA.org](http://www.notifyLA.org) to register your home phone, cell phone and/or email address for alerts. You can also follow NotifyLA on Twitter: @NotifyLA

✓ **LAFD's non-emergency number**

The Los Angeles Fire Department's non-emergency number is 213-485-6250. For fire emergencies, always call 911.

✓ **Free shade trees**

If you live or own property within the city of Los Angeles, you can receive up to 7 free shade trees. Got to [CityPlants.org](http://CityPlants.org) and click "free trees".

✓ **Low Cost Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinics**

Spay Neuter Project of Los Angeles, in partnership with the City of LA Animal Services, offers low cost vaccinations, microchips, de-worming, nail trims and flea & tick prevention at the NorthCentral shelter on the first Wednesday of each month from 4-6pm. Go to [www.smpla.org](http://www.smpla.org) for more information.

✓ **Did you know you can get your sample ballots via email?**

Sample ballots for future elections are available via email. Save a tree! Subscribe at: [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net) (click "Voting & Elections", then "voting options", then "sample ballot".

✓ **Kinney St. complaints may lead to action and new rules**

After years of oversize vehicle accidents and numerous constituent complaints, Councilmember Gil Cedillo introduced a motion to request the Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Building and Safety, City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to work together to prepare and present a report toward a "2017/2018 Kinney Street Road Improvement Program" in order to prioritize the work and identifies a source of funds. The motion includes a request to review the City's Haul Route ordinance to include all hillside construction projects.



**LETTER FROM GPIA PRESIDENT ERIC TALLMAN**

I was wading through the waist-high weeds in my yard, grumbling to myself that it would take me hours to clear away the dense growth. The weed whacker I was using was about as effective as a steak knife against a dense jungle.

As the machine whirred noisily and the plants were slowly churned into a pulp, a fortuitous event occurred. A spot of gold color caught my eye. I stopped the machine and gently parted the thick growth of plants around it. My heart gave a little leap. It was a California wild poppy. This single flower had somehow found its way into this unruly, neglected section of my yard.

I kneeled down to admire this golden beauty. This distraction was exactly what I needed. It made me realize that the dense thickets of weeds and grass that have overtaken the yards, fields and hillsides of Glassell Park actually represent something beautiful.

The City of L.A. had 18 inches of rain this season. Plants that haven't felt the glory of a good soaking for five years are now appearing everywhere. The black walnut trees that are so ubiquitous to our area are coming out of dormancy and turning verdant. The jacarandas are forming canopies of purple, the bougainvilleas are shimmering with red, and wildflowers have popped up in vacant lots and empty corners.

Yes, we will need to chop back the weeds and cut back the grass, but we also need to take time for another activity in the midst of our work. We can turn off the noisy machines, put down the shears, wipe away the sweat and take a break. We owe it to ourselves to stop and smell the roses, the jacarandas, the bougainvilleas, the poppies and every other bud and flower that is bursting forth right now. Spring is here and Glassell Park has never been more fragrant or more beautiful!

**¡Favor de leer la carta de la Presidente de GPIA abajo!**

Estaba vadeando a través de la maleza de la altura de la cintura en mi patio, murmurando a mi mismo que me tomaría horas para eliminar el crecimiento denso.

El wacker de malezas que estaba usando era aproximadamente tan eficaz como un cuchillo de filete contra una selva densa.

Mientras la máquina zumbaba ruidosamente y las plantas poco a poco eran batidas a una pulpa, se produjo un evento fortuito. Una mancha de color oro me llamó la atención. Paré la máquina y separe suavemente el crecimiento espeso de plantas alrededor de él. Mi corazón dio un salto pequeño. Es una amapola silvestre de California. Esta flor había de alguna manera encontró su manera en esta sección rebelde y descuidada de mi yarda.

Me arrodille para admirar esta belleza de oro. Esta distracción fue exactamente lo que necesitaba. Me hizo darme cuenta que los densos matorrales de malas hierbas y pastos que han superado las yardas y los campos de Glassell Park realmente representan algo hermoso.

Los Angeles tuvo 18 pulgadas de lluvia esta temporada. Las plantas que no han sentido la gloria de un buen remojo durante cinco años ahora están apareciendo por todas partes. Los árboles de nogal que por todas partes en nuestra área están volviendo a enverdecer. Las jacarandas forman tapices de púrpura, las buganvillas son brillante con rojo, y flores silvestres han aparecido en lotes baldíos y esquinas vacías.

Sí, tendremos que picar de nuevo las malas hierbas y recortar, pero también debemos tomar tiempo para otra actividad en medio de nuestro labor. Podemos apagar las máquinas ruidosas, limpiar el sudor de la frente y tomar un breve descanso. Lo debemos a nosotros mismos parar y oler las rosas, las jacarandas, las buganvillas, las amapolas y cada flor que está llena de luz ahora. La primavera está aquí y Glassell Park nunca ha sido más hermoso o más fragante!

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**"Unapproved Dwelling Units" ordinance approved**

Chaired by Councilmember Huizar, the Planning and Land Use Committee approved an ordinance that would grow the city's affordable housing stock. The Unapproved Dwelling Units (UDU) Ordinance will allow existing non-permitted units within multi-family residential buildings to be permitted, if they meet safety standards and add affordable units on the property. This ordinance is intended to encourage landlords to bring non-permitted units up to code, while also adding new affordable units to LA's housing stock.



**Target plans October opening in Glassell Park**

A new small-format Target store will open in October where Fresh & Easy was on Eagle Rock Boulevard. The flexible store design, used for smaller locations, brings a "localized experience" to the community. Acknowledging Glassell Park's wish for a grocery store at that location, Target is allocating 20% of the total 32,000 sq. ft. to groceries. They



intend to have the same breadth of grocery categories as a traditional grocer, and their assortment will include produce and meat,

including organic items; dry/boxed goods; ethnic staples, convenience items (ready to heat, prepped fresh veggies), grab and go salads/sandwiches, fresh bakery and deli selections, dairy & frozen foods section, plus beer, wine & spirits. Besides groceries, the store will include selected mens and women apparel, kids and baby products, toys, sporting goods and health, personal care & beauty products.

In addition, the store will contain a Starbucks, CVS Pharmacy and Order Pickup. Finally, Target plans to improve the facade and upgrade the parking lot with "significant" tree plantings and landscaping.

**Community to choose Glassell Park Post Office mural**

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council has secured permission and funds to commission a mural for the Glassell Park Post Office on Eagle Rock Boulevard. The Cypress Park Neighborhood Council has agreed to contribute to the cost as well.

Artist submissions are being accepted until May 15th, and an open house where interested community members (and others) will be able to vote for their favorite design will take place on May 20th at the GP Community & Senior Center.

Go to [www.glassellparknc.org](http://www.glassellparknc.org) or "Glassell Park Public Arts Committee" on Facebook for information, details, specifications and to submit designs.



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**City Council runoff election for Council District 1 is May 16th - meet the candidates:**

In a democracy, all elections are important; but residents of Glassell Park should be aware that the election on **May 16th** is of unusual importance to the future of our community. The candidate who is elected to represent us will do so for 5 1/2 years. Turnout for runoff elections is usually low, so every vote cast will certainly make a difference. Here, alphabetically, are statements from candidates Gilbert Cedillo (incumbent) and Joe Bray-Ali.

**Joe Bray-Ali**

My name is Joe Bray-Ali and I am running for City Council to represent the 1st Council District which stretches from Northeast Los Angeles to Dodgers Stadium to MacArthur Park and south to Pico-Union. My diverse district faces challenges that we must address immediately. Rents are sky-rocketing. Wages aren't enough to cover the bills. Our students do not receive enough resources to get ahead in school, and economic opportunities are growing outside of CD1.

I will be an independent voice in City Hall ready to tackle the issues directly and build consensus behind fresh solutions.

I am a father, husband and small business owner who loves my community. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, and moved to the Northeast after graduating UC Santa Barbara. I now live in Lincoln Heights with my wife and daughter. I am Irish-Hungarian-Indian Jewish and Muslim, and my wife is half Chinese half Mexican. We are proud Angelenos.

Ten years ago I began advocating for street safety by opening a nonprofit called the Bike Oven, and I began organizing community rides to art galleries to promote arts and active transportation. I am also a successful small businessman, having owned and operated the Flying Pigeon, which served the community and supported my family and volunteer advocacy for street safety on one of Los Angeles's most dangerous thoroughfares.

I believe a council office must deliver on basic municipal services and fairly balance the needs of all constituents. I will dedicate our public resources to increasing economic opportunity. We will invest in youth jobs and summer programs to give our neighborhood's kids a leg up.

I will foster a liveable Los Angeles that delivers real affordable housing and an environment for healthy families. Together we will make a better future for Los Angeles that values our diverse communities and stretches a hand out to help our most vulnerable.

I have built a grassroots campaign that is accountable to the people. I am not supported by the millionaire developers that threaten our open spaces, or the corporate polluters that poison our neighborhoods. I am running to serve to the public and restore a responsive council office.

Thank you, VOTE JOE BRAY ALI on May 16th

**Gilbert Cedillo**

It is my great honor to serve as the Councilmember for the first district. Whether it's improving trash pick up with our innovative pilot program Keep it Clean, reducing homelessness as Chair of the Housing Committee, fighting for open space with park expansions and conservation, protecting our most vulnerable residents as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on immigration, I will continue to work hard on your behalf. It takes experience to understand and implement public policy that produces results. My record as an advocate for progressive causes that put our families first, spans decades and is unrivaled in this race.

I grew up in Los Angeles, I love this city and I'm committed to creating results in our district and building a city that works for you.

I am proud to be supported by neighborhood groups, as well as Our Revolution founded by Bernie Sanders, and our Mayor Eric Garcetti.

We have many challenges ahead, but we CAN keep our neighborhoods safe, expand open spaces, and find innovative methods to address traffic. I want to continue to work with Mayor Garcetti to move our city forward, and ensure each and everyone of our residents has the opportunity to a fine quality of life. I am proud of our accomplishments, and I am grateful to have the honor of representing you on the City Council.

**Here are some of our accomplishments in Glassell Park:**

- Installed new Floor at the GP Senior and Community Center
- Secured funding to ensure the pool at Glassell Park Recreation Center remains open year round.
- Secured funding to design and construct a new bus rider transit pavilion at San Fernando Rd and Verdugo Rd. (completed in July 2017)
- Worked with local artist and community to install GLASSELLLAND at Glassell Park Recreation Center.
- Co-sponsored over 10 community events including E-Waste recycling to benefit schools, block parties to educate public about the environment on Earth Day, and National Night Out for safe streets.
- Resolved 68 constituent cases

I am asking for your vote on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Gil Cedillo

**U.S. Congress District 34 runoff election is June 6th - meet the candidates:**

When Governor Jerry Brown asked U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra to become California's Attorney General, the state gained a strong, smart leader and Congressional District 34 lost a champion in Washington, D.C. On **June 6th**, voters in District 34 will choose a new representative. Here, alphabetically, are statements from candidates Jimmy Gomez and Robert Lee Ahn.

**Robert Lee Ahn**

I am a long-time community activist, fervent environmentalist, successful entrepreneur, and public interest attorney.

I was appointed to the Los Angeles Planning Commission by Mayor Eric Garcetti and I am passionately committed to making the LA community a better place to live and raise children. Additionally, I bring extensive private sector experience building businesses and creating jobs.

I am not a professional politician. I will work to clean up the mess made by professional politicians in Washington D.C. This election offers voters a clear choice: the old politics financed by Sacramento special interests **versus** a community activist and strong environmentalist. It's time for a change!

I am superbly qualified to be our Congressman! In addition to having served on Mayor Garcetti's Planning Commission, I serve with and have been active with:

- \* YMCA – Board Member of Anderson Munger Branch
- \* Founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Volunteer Association
- \* Heal the Bay – LA River and Coastal Beach Clean Ups
- \* Midnight Mission – Homeless Outreach

My top priorities are:

- \* Preserving the environment and improving education,
- \* Stopping an alarming increase in violent crime,
- \* Creation of jobs to support our working-class families,
- \* Ensuring access to affordable, quality healthcare,
- \* Ensuring that America pursues a foreign policy that is sane, just and maintains our strong support for under attack democracies of South Korea, Taiwan and Israel.

If elected, I will be the only Korean American in Congress, House or Senate. It is vital to everyone that each American's voice be heard. We must stand up and say no to Trump! I am committed to economic and social justice for all Americans – not just the chosen few.

A native Angeleno, I graduated from Emory University and USC Law School. I live in the Wilshire Center area with my beloved Stephanie and our doted-on daughter Sophie, who just celebrated her first birthday.

**Jimmy Gomez**

It has been my honor to represent you as your State Assemblymember.

In the last four years, we have delivered progress for working families in the 51st district. Together, we expanded Paid Family Leave so that more people can benefit from the program no matter their income level. President Obama took notice and regarded our achievement as a model for the nation.

We have passed legislation to reduce carbon emissions and secured funds to go directly to the communities impacted the most from climate change. We have worked to ensure clean air and water for our community and expanded open space for all to enjoy. Just this past weekend we re-opened the Los Angeles State Historic Park, 32 acres of green space right in the heart of the district made possible with over 30 million dollars in state funding we secured on behalf of the community.

We have demonstrated that by working together progress is achievable.

Now, our community and our nation face unprecedented challenges. Donald Trump's policies threaten to roll back the progress we've made. Our immigrant families face the fear of deportation and we all face the ongoing threat to our healthcare. No community has benefited from the expansion of healthcare coverage as much as our own and the Republican plan to repeal the ACA threatens us all.

I am running for Congress because I am ready to fight Donald Trump and his Republican allies in Congress. For the last four years we have shown what we can achieve by working together. It is time to continue that fight for progress in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the hard-working families of our community.



**Reports from Sacramento and the Mayor's office**

California Senate District 24 report from **Senator Kevin de León** Senate President *pro Tempore*

California's progress against climate change and our clean air and water standards are at risk. Our climate is changing more rapidly than expected, the federal government is the captive of special interests, and the institution of science is under attack. But humanity's finest moments have come in response to our darkest hours. Across the nation and the world – nowhere more so than California – brilliant scientists, engineers, policymakers and average citizens are mobilizing to build a clean energy future. No amount of denial or deception can halt our progress.

California has shown the way for decades and we will continue to lead the nation forward. We didn't grow into the world's 6th largest economy and a global epicenter of innovation by embracing "alternative facts." By following the science and taking common sense steps to protect consumers, wildlife, and our air and water, we've turned some of our biggest environmental challenges into economic opportunities. Our efforts have helped save American households billions of dollars in avoided fuel and energy costs, reduced the pollution that is so harmful to our children, families, and planet, and turned clean energy into a pillar of our economy that now employs over half a million Californians -- nearly ten times the number of coal jobs nationwide.

Now more than ever, the Golden State will stay the course by working to solve the climate crisis while building a stronger economy with more parks and green space. We are commemorating these ambitious efforts with the newly renovated Los Angeles Historic State Park.

After years of hard work, one the largest State Parks in California opened its gates on Saturday, April 22nd. State and community leaders celebrated the amazing new park and, on Earth Day, reaffirmed their stand for our environment.

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

As your representative in Sacramento I am committed to fighting on your behalf. In 2016 we achieved tremendous results together, such as expanding Paid Family Leave through AB 908 so the system works for more Californians. We also protected patients' access to reproductive services such as Planned Parenthood through my bill AB 1671, and increased spending to combat climate change effects in our most vulnerable communities with AB 1550.

This year I remain committed to protecting the needs of our communities with the bills I am carrying this year: **AB 14 – The California DISCLOSE Act**, which will shine a light on dark money in elections and bring transparency to our democracy by displaying the top three original funders in political advertising.

**AB 155 – The Fake News Act of 2017**, which will direct the Instructional Quality Commission to develop model curriculum for grades K through 12 so schools have another resource to teach students how they can distinguish between real and "fake" news.

**AB 379 – The California Kickstart My Future Program**, which is a student loan forgiveness program to give California graduates two years of loan forgiveness upon graduation from a California college.

**AB 245 & 249 – DTSC Penalties and Transparency**, will increase the cap on penalties that can be assessed on hazardous waste facilities who are not correcting bad actions and will require a public meeting when all hazardous waste facilities apply for a renewal permit. We simply cannot afford another environmental and regulatory disaster in our backyards like Exide.

Let us keep in mind that California has a proud history of leading the nation on the issues we care most about. Unfortunately, we face threats from Washington D.C to roll back much of our progress. It is crucial that we work together to protect the quality of life in our neighborhoods that we all cherish. It is always my honor to represent you.

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

**MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI PARTNERS IN NEW EFFORT TO GIVE ANGELENOS A SECOND CHANCE.**

Mayor Eric Garcetti launched a partnership with 70millionjobs.com – the first online job board to match formerly incarcerated individuals seeking work with employers interested in hiring qualified applicants of all backgrounds.

70millionjobs.com, the City of Los Angeles and all partner employers comply with all City and State laws pertaining to the use of criminal records in hiring. To post a job, go to 70millionjobs.com. For information, contact [info@70millionjobs.com](mailto:info@70millionjobs.com).

**MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI SIGNS EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE 19!**

Mayor Eric Garcetti has strengthened the City's commitment to his inclusive, transit-oriented vision for Los Angeles – signing a new executive directive that will streamline transformative infrastructure projects, reform the planning process, and improve transparency at City Hall.

Executive Directive 19 (ED 19) will help L.A. build the transportation infrastructure and affordable housing that voters funded through Measure M and Proposition HHH last fall.

The directive reforms the City's planning process by directing the Department of City Planning to develop a specific program and timeline for updating all 35 of the city's Community Plans – a process that will take place within six years. ED 19 also established a Mayoral Planning Task Force to make these updates as efficient as possible.

To view the full text of Executive Directive 19, email [amanda.mejia@lacity.org](mailto:amanda.mejia@lacity.org).

*Stay connected with Mayor Garcetti on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For assistance with city services, call 311 or download the MyLA311 app.*

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**City Council Districts Reports**

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

Dear Friends,

From our first day in office, we launched the 'Keep It Clean' initiative that went citywide in 2015, as the Clean Streets Initiative. Together with the Mayor, the City committed to increasing our trash receptacles citywide by 1,250 every fiscal year. Over the past three months, 95 Automated Litter Bins (ALBs) were installed in our district. We are proud to continue our pledge to have clean streets in Council District 1. Contact our office to recommend a location to be considered for a new trash receptacle.

In March, Team Cedillo supported the GPIA Flash Clean Up around Glassell Park Recreation Center along Verdugo Road. We appreciate the leadership of resident Jim Kiehl who coordinates the clean ups. Together, we filled 10 trash bags with litter and weeds and filled a roll off bin with bulky items.

Investing in our youth is important to us all. We recently co-sponsored the LAPD Cadet Fundraiser that was attended by an estimated 1,000 people to see over 300 sports cars and visit car industry and driver safety information booths. We raised over \$2,000 towards the Northeast Division Cadet Program to support youth interested in law enforcement careers.

We get asked to sponsor many events. In April was one of the best events in our community. Team Cedillo joined the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council to co-sponsor the Community Dog Walk that was attended by an estimated 250 two- and four-legged friends for a beautiful day under the sun. There were over 20 animal and community resource information booths. It was an amazing day to see and learn about different dog breeds. Together we raised awareness about animal safety and welfare. Team Cedillo is working with an animal adoption group for an event in June or July in Glassell Park.

Please contact my office for assistance to keep our district moving forward, making it #1.

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

Friends:

My office receives dozens of calls each day, with many constituents asking about policy to address the affordable housing and homeless crises.

Homelessness, and the lack of access to services and affordable housing, is the most important issue facing our city. Los Angeles is the most unaffordable housing market in the country, and it is estimated that there are nearly 28,000 homeless people living on the streets.

During my first term in office, I have worked to combat homelessness using a three-pronged approach: protecting tenants and preserving our rent stabilized units; working to increase our supply of affordable housing; and providing access to services and permanent supportive housing.

During my first term, my team and I have negotiated the production of more than 900 affordable housing units within Council District 13. In addition, I have also introduced a number of motions aimed at strengthening our existing laws and adding new provisions to protect our most vulnerable populations.

If you'd like to view more in-depth information about the two issues, please visit [cd13.com](http://cd13.com) or go directly to: <https://goo.gl/T5oO9p>.

Warm regards,  
**MITCH O'FARRELL**  
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Council District 14 report from **Councilmember José Huizar**

Hello Glassell Park,

I want to share a couple of things I have been working on in Council. The Planning and Land Use Committee, of which I am chair, approved an ordinance in March that will grow our city's affordable housing stock. The **Unapproved Dwelling Units (UDU) Ordinance** will allow existing non-permitted units within multi-family residential buildings to be permitted, if they meet safety standards and add affordable units on the property. This ordinance will encourage landlords to bring non-permitted units up to code, while also adding newly affordable units to LA's housing stock.

In late March the City Council also voted to **ease restrictions on when a "shelter crisis" can be declared in the City** to assist our homeless population. Under the ordinance proposal, the City Council voted to approve an ordinance that removed the previously required City of Los Angeles' emergency shelter limits: including nighttime shelters only; limit to 120 days a year, and that shelters operate only during winter (Nov. 1-March 31). The City Council vote strikes that language and broadens the definition of shelters. A future vote is expected to expand the current law to more zoning designations and thereby cover more areas of the City than have been covered in the current law.

According to the latest Homeless Count by the LA Homeless Services Authority, there are currently more than 28,000 people experiencing homelessness in the City of LA, 75% of whom sleep unsheltered on any given night.

For further information please visit my website, [www.josehuizar.com](http://www.josehuizar.com), where you can also sign up to receive my newsletters.  
Sincerely,  
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**Monthly Flash Cleanups make a difference in Glassell Park**  
by Jim Kiehl

March 25th's clean-up was a joint effort with CD1, CD13 and 25 volunteers. CD 1 supplied the roll off bin and their clean-up team. CD 13 supplied some tools and both of their clean-up teams. Hector Vega, CD13's Field Deputy helped out at the event, and CD 1's Jose Rodriguez helped with ordering the roll off bin and getting their clean up team assigned.

We cleaned both sides of Eagle Rock Boulevard in front of the Public Storage building, and we pulled weeds and cleaned the triangle garden that GPIA member Suzie Wilkinson maintains. The city clean-up teams focused on bulky item pickups within their district boundaries. By the time we were finished, we had filled the roll off bin—a significant amount of trash and bulky items was moved off the streets of Glassell Park. Our student workers got in some good volunteer hours.

We also debuted our new Flash Clean-up banners to let people know who we are as they drive by the location. These banners were developed by our Improvement Chair, Molly Taylor, with funds from the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council's recent neighborhood purpose grant. Further, additional tools and other supplies are being purchased to support our future clean-up events. Thank you to Molly for all of this.

**GPIA sponsors Friends of LA River cleanup at Bowtie Parcel**  
by Jim Kiehl

This is at least the 6th year in a row that we have teamed up with the Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) for the river cleanup in Glassell Park, and the Earth Day event was the biggest we have had. About 1,000 people came out to walk the river and pick up trash.

The GPIA provided a good team to help out the FoLAR crew with set-up, information and handing out gloves, bags and shirts. Some volunteers from past Flash Cleanups went out to pick up trash as well.

The outreach team was in high gear to promote the event in Glassell Park and at the event to encourage participation at future GPIA Flash Cleanups. Banners with our Flash Cleanup schedule were successful with students who snapped a picture for future volunteer opportunities.

Later the same day, the banners made an appearance at the GPIA booth at Rio de Los Angeles State Park's Earth Day event.



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On the ballot in Glassell Park:

The May 16th election determines who will represent most of Glassell Park at City Hall for the next 5 1/2 years.

The June 6th election will send Congressional District 34's new representative to Washington, D.C.

Statements from the candidates are on pages 4 and 5.

To find your polling place, go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

Save the Date!  
The GPIA's 49th Anniversary Celebration is Saturday, October 21st!  
This year we will have a "happy hour" event at MorYork Gallery with hot & cold appetizers, beer & wine.  
We hope you'll save the date and join us for our "almost 50th" birthday.

**Flash Cleanups in May and June**

by Jim Kiehl

The May Flash Cleanup will be Saturday, May 20th, at the Glassell Park South Monument. Even though the transit pavilion construction is ongoing and there is currently a fence around the monument, the Flash Cleanup volunteers will meet nearby and work to clear weeds and trash in the surrounding areas. As always, the Flash Cleanup group will meet at 8am and accomplish as much as possible in 45 minutes.

In June, the Flash Cleanup will be on Saturday, June 17th, and volunteers will meet in the triangle at Division Street and Avenue 33 to clean up the curbs and sidewalks in that area.

A special mention and thank you to Janis McCarthy for all her hard work weeding at the North Monument, and Joan Potter for watering there as well. Their extra effort has made a significant improvement in the look of the landscaping there.



**"Doggie & Kittie Fiesta" on Verdugo Road in June**

Homes Fur All will host a rescue dog and cat adoption and community block party on Verdugo Road between Avenues 34 and 35 on Saturday, June 10th, from 12noon to 3pm. The free event will include music, pet food giveaways, free "fur family" portraits, contests and, of course, the opportunity to adopt a best friend.

Sponsored by The Fitzburgh Realty Team and CD1. Go to [www.homesfurall.com](http://www.homesfurall.com) for more information.

**Recreation Center Preschool says "Thank you"**

The Glassell Recreation Preschool would like to thank the GPIA and the community for their contributions toward purchasing a photo printer for their program.

The Glassell Recreation Center is also pleased to announce the installation of new drinking fountains and dugouts.

Photo by Michelle Alvarez



**GPIA's Civil Disobedience workshop inspires more classes**



Photo by Helene Schpak

The GPIA, along with the Virago Coalition, sponsored an evening of civil disobedience training lead by the Executive Director of the National Lawyers Guild/Los Angeles. Participants were instructed on details of how to exercise their right to assemble and to free speech and given situational examples of what can happen when they do. The evening educational was so well received that a follow-up training is being planned, possibly for the end of May. For more information and upcoming date, go to [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org).

**GPIA's Walnut Canyon Spring Fling & Easter egg hunt**

The Spring Fling celebration in Walnut Canyon on April 15 was a blast!

The event brought together kids, adults and two very large rabbits for an egg hunt, food, music and fun.

After racing through the field to find the hidden eggs, the intrepid hunters went to the prize table to exchange their loot for prizes, toys and chocolates. Thanks to all the neighbors who attended and to Mr. and Ms. Easter Bunny for making it such a happy, hoppy party.

Walnut Canyon was in full spring glory and a perfect place to hide eggs. This festive community event was a reminder of why we need to save this canyon as vital green space for all generations to enjoy and cherish.

The Friends Of Walnut Canyon committee is dedicated to that purpose. Please visit our page on [www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org). Happy Spring to all!



Photo by Herb West



**Hazardous materials collection center nearby**



Drop off hazardous materials at any S.A.F.E. (solvents/automotive/flammables/electronics) at collection center. Glassell Park's nearest center is at 4600 Colorado Blvd., LA 90039. Saturdays and Sundays 9am-3pm.

Go to [www.lacitysan.org](http://www.lacitysan.org) for more information.

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If you go to

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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!

The GPIA received \$29.53 from Amazon in the last quarter—it adds up!

**GPIA celebrates Earth Day at Rio de Los Angeles State Park**



The GPIA had a busy Earth Day on April 22nd. We hosted a cleanup team at the Friends Of L.A. River annual cleanup, and we joined in the festivities at the Earth Day celebration in Rio De Los Angeles State Park. Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up and contributed their time, energy and sweat (it was a hot day)!

Photos by Eric Tallman

**GPNC's Dog Walk & Spring Fair - fun for GP's dogs & humans**



Photo by Herb West

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council's first (and maybe annual) Dog Walk drew a crowd of locals and their dogs to Verdugo Road. The event was planned to bring attention to the number of dogs in Glassell Park & how much the community wants and needs a real dog park. Co-sponsor, Councilmember Gil Cedillo came to see how CD1 can help.

**Glassell Park's Law Enforcers:**

**Neighborhood Prosecutor  
Tamar Galatzan**

213-978-7878 or email [tamar.galatzan@lacity.org](mailto:tamar.galatzan@lacity.org)

**Senior Lead Officer**

**Louie Reyes**

213-793-0758 (cell)

or email [33184@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:33184@lapd.lacity.org)

**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" black & white ad!

Email [gpiaNews90065@gmail.com](mailto:gpiaNews90065@gmail.com) for a rate sheet.

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You can also access MyLA311 on the web at: <https://myLA311.lacity.org>

**A Few Handy Phone Numbers:**

Abandoned Vehicles	800-222-6366
Abandoned Shopping Carts	800-252-4613
Animal Services	888-452-7381
Blocked Driveways	213-485-4184 x2
Fire Dept (non-emergency)	213-485-6185
Gas Leaks	800-427-2200
Graffiti removal	800-675-4357
LAPD (non-emergency)	877-ASK-LAPD
Poison Control	800-876-4766
Rape Hotline	310-392-8381
Restraining Order	213-974-5587
Sanitation/Trash/Recycling	800-773-2489
Street Resurfacing/Potholes	800-996-2489
Tree Trimming	800-996-2489
Water & Power	800-342-5397

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

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

**JOIN the GPIA!**

Become engaged in our community! For your annual dues, you will receive six issues of our newsletter. Plus your tax deductible donation supports the GPIA's work to make Glassell Park better for everyone!

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).

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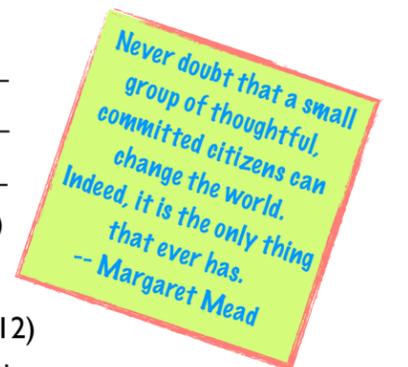
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- Business membership (\$25) (includes one free 2x3.5" black & white ad)
- Senior (60+) (\$12)
- New membership
- Renewal membership
- Please email my newsletter

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

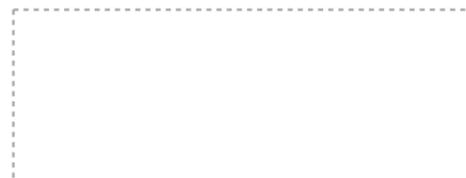


### Neighborhood information at hand:

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