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GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWS



Trash talk

Neighborhood cleanups, like this one on Eagle Rock Boulevard, happen regularly, but litter and illegal dumping keep reappearing along our streets. What can we do? See pages 6 & 7

Please come to the next
GPIA meeting Thursday,
November 13th



Guest Speakers
Nate Hayward, CD14

&

Christine Peters, CD13
will present & take questions
about planned beautification
projects in Glassell Park



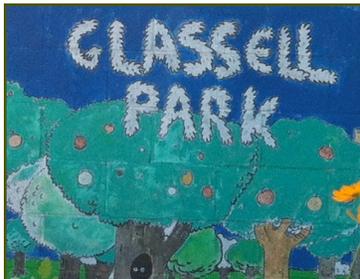
Nominations & Election
of the 2015
GPIA Board



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meetings, join us on **Facebook:**
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Association

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11/13/14 ★

The next GPIA General
Membership meeting will be held
Thursday, November 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.

What's going on in Glassell Park?

✓ **Billboard ban overturned**

The LA ban on certain billboards was struck down giving Lamar Central Advertising the right to put up digital billboards throughout Los Angeles, and particularly in Glassell Park on Eagle Rock Blvd. and on San Fernando Road. The GPIA stands against this visual blight. See the July 2013 issue of the "GPIA News".

✓ **Consider becoming a GPIA Board member**

The GPIA welcomes new and long-time members to become active in our community as part of our executive board. See page 10 for details.

✓ **GPNC to elect Education Representative to Board**

Stakeholders will elect a new Education Representative to the GPNC Board at the November 18th meeting at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center. Nominees are David Gonzalez and Celina Pinto.

✓ **Senator Kevin de León is president pro tempore**

The GPIA congratulates State Senator Kevin de León who was sworn in as president pro tempore of the California Senate on October 15th.

✓ **Handyworker program for low-income residents**

The Housing & Community Investment Dept. offers free minor home repairs for low-income seniors and disabled persons who own and occupy single family homes in Los Angeles. The repairs address safety and livability concerns including installation of security devices. For information call 213-808-8803.

✓ **Bicycle Buffer Zone now in effect**

A new state law requires drivers to stay at least three feet away from cyclists while passing. If conditions make a 3-foot buffer impossible, drivers must slow and wait to pass until the cyclist is safe.

✓ **Tumbleweed infestation predicted**

Tumbleweed, an invasive plant, sprouted after brush clearance was completed this year. As a result, they could present a severe fire hazard in our hillsides. If you see a tumbleweed infestation, notify the fire department's brush clearance unit.

✓ **Eagle Rock Brewery must renew permit...again!**

Eagle Rock Brewery must go back to the City for the third time in 5 years to renew their permit to brew and sell beer at their location in Glassell Park. The hearing is Thursday, Nov. 6th, at 9:00am, 200 N. Spring St, Room 1020.

✓ **Simplified street parking signs to be tested in L.A.**

The Department of Transportation will test a new parking sign that uses a grid format divided into days & hours using green & red blocks to clearly show drivers when parking is allowed and when it isn't.

✓ **Tax credits to lot owners who lease to urban farmers**

The City Council is considering tax breaks for private property owners who lease land for commercial or non-commercial agriculture & animal husbandry uses for at least 5 years. There are an estimated 8,600 eligible parcels in Los Angeles.

✓ **Massage parlors returned to local control**

Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez authored a bill that returns authority to limit the number, location and licensing of massage parlors to local governments. Signed by Governor Jerry Brown, the law will take effect in January 2015.

✓ **Alert LA County registration open**

Los Angeles County has implemented a mass notification system to contact residents in case of emergency or other critical situations. Landline numbers-listed and unlisted-are automatically included; however, cell phone numbers, VOIP numbers and email addresses are not. To register any of these contact numbers go to <http://www.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla>

✓ **New mosquito species found in L.A. County**

Officials trying to eradicate the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito urge residents to call 562-944-9656 to report daytime biting mosquitoes with black & white stripes.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, MAGGIE DARETT-QUIROZ

As the Holidays are soon approaching us and I give my newsletter update, I would like to take the time to thank Cypress Park Home Depot management and their staff for such an amazing community garden beautification project, along with all their generous donations. Our garden has never looked so nice. The community, with Home Depot management and their staff, came together to make a big difference in the Glassell Park garden. Home Depot also donated the material needed for the October 4, 2014 Art Day Block Party in Glassell Park, that took place at the Glassell Park community garden as well.

I would like to also thank everyone that attended our annual Glassell Park Improvement Association dinner. We were privileged to have special guest speakers: Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, his Field Deputy, Adam Bass, as well as Lauren Ballard, Field Deputy from Councilmember José Huizar's office. Big thanks to Marge, Janis and Betsy for changing it up a bit. We had our dinner at the Coffee Table in Eagle Rock. The food was very tasty and surprised us with an amazing outdoor patio area. If you haven't been there, please do so. They are amazing. Thank you Coffee Table for your hospitality!

As part of the Veterans parade committee, I would like to invite everyone to join us on our 9th annual Veterans Parade Sunday, November 9. This year's route is described on page 9 of this issue. Following the parade will be an awards ceremony and

entertainment at the Highland Park Senior Center, located on 6152 N Figueroa St, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

If you or a loved one is a veteran, please come be a part of the parade. Everyone please come and support our veterans. I would like to thank everyone who has served. I appreciate your sacrifice for our freedom. Thank you to all of our veteran families for their sacrifice for our freedom. As a military wife, I personally know the sacrifice we make to support our men and woman on their hard work for our country. THANK YOU!

I am excited about our upcoming 7th Annual Glassell Park Tree Lighting event on December 7. The event will take place in the Rite Aid parking lot, located at 4044 Eagle Rock Blvd. from 5pm to 9pm. Every year I coordinate the Glassell Park Tree Lighting event, an amazing event where so many families and community members come together, who usually don't have the funding to buy toys to give to their children. Because of this, we bring Santa Claus to deliver toys and gifts to the children of the community. This year I would like to make a bigger difference and give every needy child a toy. I can't do it without your help so I urge you to please contact me if you have toys that you would like me to go pick up or if you would like to donate some funds. If you would like to donate please contact me at 323- 788-1323 or email mdarett@sbcglobal.net. I would like to thank State Farm in Atwater for their donation to make this event happen. We hope to put a big smile on all children's faces this upcoming tree lighting event.

Speaking of getting involved: Aztec Risings will be giving out a basket of food with a turkey for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We need your help in raising funds to help these families. Feel free to contract me if you know of a family in need. Please contact me at directly at 323-788-1323 or mdarett@sbcglobal.net.

This will be our last newsletter for the year of 2014. I would like to thank everyone that has made this year an amazing year. Especially all of the Glassell Park Improvement Association board members, thank you for your support and all your hard work.

I wish everybody a happy holiday and a Happy New Year 2015!

New Cell Tower would "tower" over Glassell Park

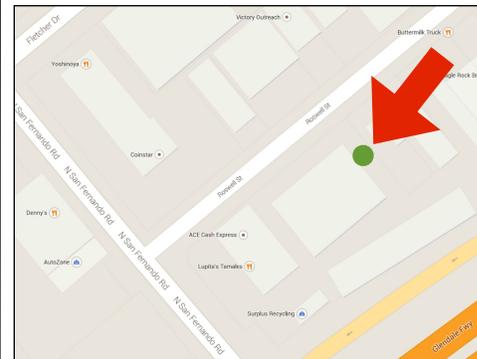
AT&T and Public Storage are proposing replacing an existing nearly 60' high cell tower on a wood pole just east of San Fernando Road near Roswell Street with a new metal 80' tower with an additional larger array. At its current height, the existing cell tower is visible from the 2 freeway, but not obvious from the surrounding streets. At 80', however, the tower will be visible from almost anywhere in Glassell Park and will create a skyline focal point that would be impossible to miss.



Example of fake tree above community of low buildings.

In October a group of GPIA and GPNC members met with AT&T and Public Storage representatives at the site to discuss possible options. Gary Benjamin, Planning Deputy for CD13, attended as well. The tower's advocates would not consider any alternatives to their plan to use the same site. The only mitigation they proposed was a choice of "trees" to disguise the array--pine (there is one at CARS911 on San Fernando), palm or eucalyptus. The community members agreed that of the three choices, the eucalyptus is the least "fake looking" and most in keeping with other trees in the area, but at 80' any "tree" will be just as unsightly as an undisguised tower.

Mr. Benjamin pointed out that Fletcher Square zoning does not allow for new cell towers, and the next day he sent an official letter to the Zoning Administrator on the case stating CD13's opposition to allowing the proposed tower.



The ZA approved the tower with the condition that it be disguised with an "architectural edifice".

The appeal period, during which letters and comments of support or opposition will be accepted, closes on November 4th. AT&T is expected to appeal the conditions of the approval.

Neighborhood Justice Program

As part of City Attorney Mike Feuer's Neighborhood Justice Program, Neighborhood Justice Panels (NJP) are a community-based way for people with no criminal record who commit certain misdemeanor crimes to avoid going to court, being convicted and having a criminal record by appearing before a panel of community members to discuss the crime, the reasons for committing it and the harm it caused. Three panelists--with the guidance of a facilitator trained in mediation and conflict resolution--decide what consequences are appropriate such as: community service, restitution, an apology and/or classes. If the participant completes his/her assigned obligation(s), the case is dismissed; if not, the case goes back to the City Attorney.

The NJP is an opportunity for community members to take an active role in responding to minor crimes. They convene once a week to repair the harm done by the crime, restore the victim of the crime to their pre-crime condition, and rehabilitate the individual by avoiding the criminal system and connecting them to services.

To learn more contact Peter Borenstein at 213-978-8735 or email him at peter.borenstein@lacity.org

From the State Capitol & the Mayor

Thanks to Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's generous gift, the Glassell Park/Cypress Park Walkabout Archive will remain available on the internet!



Go to:
www.nelawalk.org
 to see all the information and photos from the Great Glassell Park/Cypress Park Walkabout that took place on June 9, 2007.

State Assembly District 51 report from Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez

Dear Friends,
 A few weeks ago I held an Assembly Select Committee on Domestic Violence hearing in our district, titled "Changing the Culture of Abuse". October was Domestic Violence Awareness month and in its honor I wanted to hold a local event to get the community talking about this important issue, in hopes of bringing awareness to the different types of abuse which exist and the ways in which we can all work on solutions.

As Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Domestic Violence, I have held numerous hearings over the last two years throughout California and successfully passed new laws that strengthen protections for victims of domestic violence. Just this year, Governor Brown signed into law my Assembly Bill 2321, which will fund domestic violence and sexual assault prevention programs through the sale of a specialty license plate.

If you were able to join us this past October 14th, thank you. If you missed the opportunity to attend, and have questions about the hearing, inquiries about legislation or how you can get involved, please contact my Legislative Office at (916) 319-2051.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sincerely,
 Jimmy Gomez
 Chair, California Select Committee on Domestic Violence
 Assemblymember, 51st District

From the office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Amidst a record drought, Mayor Garcetti issued an executive directive to dramatically reduce the use of fresh water and purchase of costly imported water. The directive requires a reduction in fresh water use by 20% by 2017 and in the DWP's purchase of imported water by 50% by 2024. Those interested in lowering their water use should visit lamayor.org/droughthack.

On Labor Day, Mayor Garcetti announced his proposal to raise the minimum wage from \$9 per hour to \$13.25 in 2017. The proposal would gradually raise the current minimum wage in Los Angeles to \$10.25 in 2015, \$11.75 in 2016, and \$13.25 in 2017, which would enable Angelenos to rise above the poverty level. For more information visit lamayor.org/raisethewagela.

Mayor Garcetti launched the Mayor's Volunteer Corps on October 25, a service initiative to coordinate community improvement events across Los Angeles. The initiative, designed to boost civic engagement in Los Angeles, will connect Angelenos with local nonprofits, schools and government agencies looking for long-term volunteers. Those interested in joining the Corps can sign up at lamayor.org/volunteer.

Mayor Garcetti joined Governor Brown as he signed legislation to more than triple California's film tax credit. Since taking office, the Mayor has made this legislation his top priority in Sacramento. AB 1839 passed in August with an allocation of \$330 million per year for five years. Mayor Garcetti has made expanding the entertainment industry a centerpiece of his administration.

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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. Between July 1 and September 30, we collected nearly 400 tons of litter, trash and bulky items in CD1 in addition to the regular scheduled trash container and bulky item collections.

On Saturday October 18, my office, the GPIA, GPNC, GCPNC, PUC eCALS along with 200 volunteers had a major clean up that filled 170 trash bags with litter, weeds and debris.

At Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts in Glassell Park, we launched *Keep It Clean Story Time*, a program for elementary schools and libraries that will educate children about keeping our communities clean. During the story time, I read to children the book, "Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash!" and staff from the L.A. Public Library and Bureau of Sanitation spoke about using the library and sanitation department as resources. Bureau of Sanitation mascots, Connie the Couch and Octoclean, joined me in distributing complimentary copies of the book along with Keep It Clean materials.

To keep our streets safe, we worked with the Department of Transportation on installing a new four way stop at Division St. and Winmar Dr., and new 10mph and curvature signage on Yorkshire Dr. to reduce speeding in areas the community and my office identified as needing improvements.

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

Sincerely,
Gilbert Cedillo
Councilmember, 1st District

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

Friends:
I want to share some details about an exciting energy and water conservation initiative that just launched in the Drew/Estara neighborhood.

The *Water Watch* program is a collaboration between my office, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and youth volunteers with Anahuak Youth Sports Association.

Student volunteers recently started canvassing several neighborhoods in the great 13th District to promote a water and energy efficiency initiative that involves the distribution of kits to local residents over the next several months. The kits will include a LED bulb and a low-flow showerhead and faucet aerator.

LADWP's Community Partnership grants program provided funding in 2012 for this program. Part of the grant money was used to survey six thousand residents in the 13th District, and this year \$45,000 in grant funds will be used to promote energy and water conservation through the distribution of the *Water Watch* kits.

The *Water Watch* initiative comes at a critical time as mandatory water restrictions are in place and everyone is trying to do their part to conserve water and electricity. I know this outreach will go a long way toward educating and raising awareness about the need to conserve in every household.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact my district office.

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

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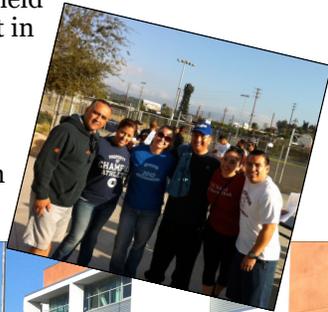
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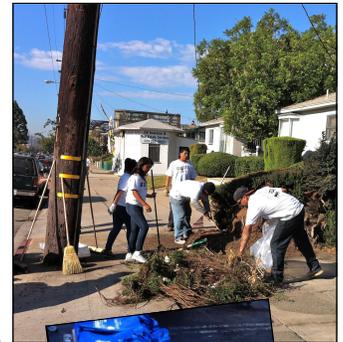
CD1 Community Cleanup

On October 18th, CD1 held a community cleanup event in the area around the Sonia Sotomayor Learning Academies. Over 200 students and volunteers worked to clear debris from neighborhood streets.



CD14 Community Cleanup

Council District 14 sponsored a community cleanup event on Saturday, October 25th. Thanks to volunteers from Victory Outreach, the sidewalks, curbs & gutters along Eagle Rock Blvd. from York to Verdugo Road were cleaned and many bags of debris were collected. Thanks also to the GPIA, GPNC and Fresh & Easy for hosting the event.



New trash cans from Councilmembers O'Farrell and Huizar in Glassell Park

In an effort to keep litter from accumulating in the first place, Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and José Huizar have installed new trash cans throughout their districts including parts of Glassell Park. The new trash and recycling bins, called Automated Litter Bins (ALBs) were designed to be picked up by the same mechanized Bureau of Sanitation trucks that pick up residential trash cans on their regular rounds in our neighborhoods.

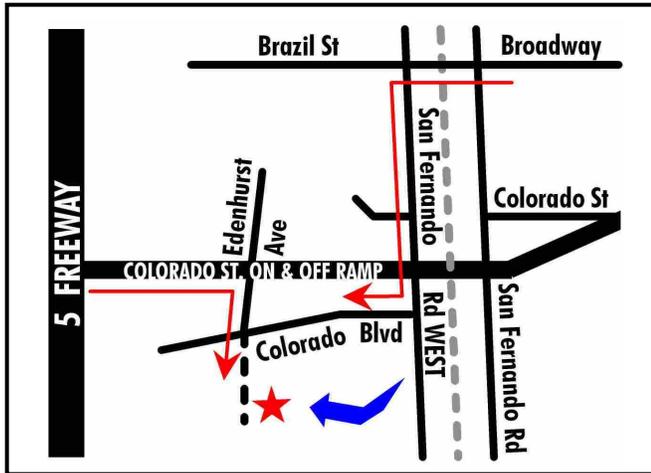
Unlike the old white wire litter bins that were easily stolen, perennially overflowing and regularly crushed by the automated trucks, these new receptacles are made of hard plastic, are weighted with sand, and are larger than the old white wire bins. In addition, they are solid and dark, keeping the collected trash out of sight.

The GPIA thanks our Councilmembers for their ongoing efforts to keep our community clean.



Hazardous Waste disposal center near GP

Residents within Los Angeles County can dispose of household hazardous waste at any of the seven S.A.F.E. (Solvents/Automotive/Flammable/Electronic) Collection Centers located throughout the city. Glassell Park's closest Collection Center is at 4600 Colorado Blvd. between San Fernando Road and Interstate 5 (see map). Hours are Saturday & Sunday 9:00am to 3:00pm unless it is raining. For information, call 800-773-2489 or visit www.lacitysan.org



MyLA311 app really works

The MyLA311 smartphone app links Angelenos with the services and information they need to enjoy their city, beautify their community and stay connected with their local government.

The 'Submit Service Request' feature allows residents to quickly and easily request the City's most popular services, including graffiti removal, pothole repair, and bulky-item pickup. Notifying the City of any type of community blight is easy: tap "service request", put in an address (or let the app find you) and submit a photo (or not). Tap "submit service request", and receive an email confirmation. Expect another email when your request is completed--usually within a few days.

Plus, the 'Find City Info' feature maps the closest parks, libraries, fire and police stations, golf courses, public pools, tennis courts, parking lots, and more.

Free from the Apple store or Google Play.



Make copies, carry & place on bulky items when you see them!

Large items don't just disappear from the curb!

Los artículos grandes no desaparecen de la acera por si solos.



Please call 311 to schedule a bulky item(s) pickup.

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Let's keep our community clean!

Mantengamos limpia nuestra comunidad!

Home Depot pitches in for garden

Volunteers from the Cypress Park Home Depot joined with community members to clean and refresh the Glassell Park Community Garden on Drew Street.

In addition to the volunteer crew, Home Depot donated tools, soil, compost and mulch to make the garden's soil even healthier and ready for Fall planting.



The GIA and Community Garden leaders are grateful to the Cypress Park Home Depot's management and staff. Thanks to them, the garden has never looked so good.

The Home Depot crew at work with donated soil, amendments, compost and mulch.



Neighborhood volunteers joined with the crew from Home Depot to help clean up the garden.

Community Garden Draw-In

GPIA President Maggie Darett-Quiroz organized a "Draw-In" at the Glassell Park Community Garden in order to address neighbors's wishes for privacy along the fence that separates the garden from residential buildings.



The Art Day Block Party was a great success due to generous support from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell & CD13 staff, Aztecs Rising, Fuego Tech, City Plants, DWP, Dream Center, Dept. Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, Jeremy Raub/Eagle Rock Brewery, State Farm Atwater, Lizarde Auto Service, and Cars 911. Special thanks to Cypress Park Home Depot for their generous donations of materials.

Children and adults from the area created "murals" that were hung on the chain link fence to make an artful privacy curtain. In addition to fencing the art works, participants enjoyed music, resource booths, a play area and refreshments.



Under the watchful eye of SLO Frank Serrano, Jeremy Raub of Eagle Rock Brewery lends a brush to one of the murals.



Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and Senior Lead Officer Frank Serrano talk with neighborhood children.

Free wood chips for garden mulch

Chip Drop is a way to connect people who want cheap mulch for their yard or garden, with arborists who need an easy way to get rid of their wood chips.

Arborists's wood chips are a great, inexpensive way to mulch a yard or garden.

To get a free load of wood chips (you can specify any species of trees you don't want) delivered, gardeners should register, verify their address on a map and explain where the chips should be dropped.

Go to www.chipdrop.in for more information and to register.



Free Composting Workshops

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation holds free home composting workshops on the 4th Saturday of every month (except December) in Griffith Park.

Residents can learn how to turn lawn and yard trimmings into a beneficial soil amendment through backyard composting. The workshop includes information about worm composting, types of compost bins, grasscycling and other smart gardening techniques. Workshops last about one hour.

In addition, reasonably priced composting bins are available for sale on the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday each month.

For information and a schedule, call 1-800-773-CITY, email SRCRD@lacity.org, or go to: www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/recycling/composting/index.htm

2014 NELA Veterans Day Parade



The 9th Annual Northeast Los Angeles Veterans Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 9th, in Highland Park this year. The day will begin at 11am with a Solemn Ceremony to honor all veterans in front of the Eagle Rock City Hall.

Then, the parade will leave from LAFD Station 55 located at 4455 York Blvd. at 1pm. The parade will walk east on York and end at Veterans Memorial Square at Figueroa and York. Entertainment will follow at the adjacent Highland Park Senior Center. Go to www.nelavetsparade.com for more information.

Local fund raiser is based on gratitude



On November 15th Andrew Montealegre will open his home, Casa Montaña Alegre, for a fund raiser to benefit *Manos Que Sobreviven* and *Eunime*. Food and entertainment are part of the evening's activities that will include presentations about *Albergue Eunime*, an orphanage in Tijuana that serves children abandoned by their families because they are HIV positive, and the work of *Manos que Sobreviven*, a grassroots service organization that feeds people living on the streets of downtown Los Angeles.

The fund raiser's entire admission price of \$25 will "go to helping people". Contacts: Alberto Galvan 323-517-8043 or Andrew Montealegre 323-317-2966 and/or (montealegre.andrew@gmail.com). More information at *Manos Que Sobreviven* on Facebook.

Reporting animal issues

To report a **barking dog** or a **stray animal** in the city of Los Angeles: laanimalservices.com or (888) 452-7381

To report any **injured wildlife** to the L.A. County Department of Animal Care and Control: animalcare.lacounty.gov or (562) 940-6898

To report **animal cruelty**: spcala.com or (800) 540-7722

To report **poachers** at Cal-TIP: dfg.ca.gov/enforcement/caltip.aspx or (888) 334-2258

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Eagle Rock Blvd

Street safety measures on Yorkshire Drive



After neighbors reported a series of accidents along Yorkshire Drive between Moss Avenue and Parrish/Lavell Streets, CD1 Deputy District Director Jose Rodriguez organized a walking meeting with residents and Mehrdad Moshksar, Central District Transportation Engineer, and Chun Leung, Transportation Engineer

Associate, of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Moshksar suggested some remedies he could implement quickly--repainting the STOP at the top and bottom of the street, trimming the trees that crowded the already narrow street, placing new reflectors along existing guard rails and adding signage.



Thanks to Jose, the painting, trimming and sign installation are complete. Plus, the DWP replaced an old street light with a super-bright lamp. Unfortunately, the size & height of the signs block views from some homes, so those neighbors have requested they be moved or taken down. Residents are hopeful new reflectors and rebuilt berms will be placed on the agenda of the Bureau of Street Services.



GPIA dinner

The GPIA celebrated our 46th anniversary by sharing a wonderful dinner on the back patio of The Coffee Table restaurant in Eagle Rock.

Guest speaker, and former GPIA president, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell reminded the group that the GPIA is among the oldest improvement associations in Los Angeles, and that our 50th anniversary is nearly upon us! The councilmember also announced a generous gift of \$500 from his district, the 13th, to the GPIA.

Special thanks to Oscar Rodriguez, manager of The Coffee Table, for making the evening so great.



GPIA President Maggie Darett-Quiroz welcomes members and guests.



Current and past GPIA Presidents
L-R: Mitch O'Farrell, Betsy Mines, George Brauckman, Maggie Darett-Quiroz, Alisa Smith, Jim Kiehl and Ruby deVera



Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell presents a certificate recognizing the GPIA's 46 years of service to Vice President Jim Kiehl and President Maggie Darett-Quiroz



Janis McCarthy, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Lisa Frobisher and Alisa Smith chat over dessert.



President Maggie Darett-Quiroz introduces Field Deputies Lauren Ballard, CD 14, and Adam Bass, CD 13.

Photos by Brian Frobisher and Marge Plane

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Whether you are new to Glassell Park or a longtime resident, please consider taking an active role in improving our community!



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Glassell Park's Law Enforcers:
Neighborhood Prosecutor
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Senior Lead Officer
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**Northeast LAPD Graffiti Abatement/
 Community Liaison Officer**
Molly Beall
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 or e-mail 32430@lapd.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

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 For all city services, call 3-1-1

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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 gpiNews90065@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 second Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at 7pm at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center (3750 Verdugo Road, behind the Public Storage building & next to the Glassell Park Recreation Center).

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



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

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

Neighborhood information at hand:

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Upcoming Events

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

November 2
 Standard Time begins, set clocks back one hour

November 4
 VOTE! Election Day, 7am-8pm, voter hotline: 800-345-8683

November 6
 Eagle Rock Brewery permit renewal hearing, see page 2

November 9
 Veterans Day Parade, see page 9

November 13
 GPIA General Membership meeting, see cover

November 21 & December 18
 GPNC meetings, 7pm, Community & Senior Ctr., 3750 N. Verdugo Rd.

December 7
 Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, 5pm,

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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



If you did not pay dues in 2014, this will be your last issue—please renew today!

Taking pride in our community since 1968