

MAY/JUNE 2018

GLASSELL PARK
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



NEWS



FLASHMOB! PHOTO OP



SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, 4PM

Let's take a community portrait! Everyone is invited (including pets on leashes). Join us on the baseball field, and we'll bring the camera drone! Meet neighbors, enjoy our park, celebrate the GPIA's 50th year and everything GLASSELLAND! Go to www.gpia.org for more information.

The GPIA meets on **Thursday, May 10th**, at 7pm, our topic will be:

SLOW DOWN!

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A Project of the Glassell Park Improvement Association

With new yard signs, the GPIA kicks off its **SLOW DOWN!** campaign.

Come to the meeting, get a yard sign, and take part in a discussion with **Nate Gale**, Principal Project Coordinator of the **Vision Zero Division** at **LADOT**.

Safe streets for all!

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5/10/18 ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held **Thursday, May 10th, 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?

VOTE! Primary election is June 5th
 GPIA voter guide inside →

✓ **GPIA May meeting will tackle Street Safety in GP**

The GPIA meeting on May 10th will be focussed on street safety issues in Glassell Park including speeding, ignoring stop signs, crosswalks, traffic signals, double parking, oversize vehicles and bike lanes.

✓ **Excess backyard fruit can be tax deductible**

Food Forward will send a team to pick backyard fruit from residential trees. All the fruit goes to community members in need, and donors get a receipt for their "in-kind" donation. Call 818-530-4125 or email harvest@foodforward.org

✓ **California Geological Survey has interactive map**

A detailed map of the state that shows earthquake faults, landslide areas and liquefaction zones in parcel-by-parcel detail is now available at www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs

✓ **Registered "independent"? Better double check**

Many voters who wanted to register as unaffiliated "independent" voters, have inadvertently registered to vote as members of the American Independent Party according to a Los Angeles Times study. To check your registration, go to the Secretary of State's website at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov> and enter your information to find your status. There is still time to change your affiliation if necessary.

✓ **Free composting & worm keeping workshops**

LA City Sanitation department hosts free composting workshops at Griffith Park on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10am. Experts will review backyard composting, smart gardening, worm composting and grasscycling. Free mulch is also available, but guests must bring their own bin & shovel. Discounted compost bins are available for purchase (\$20) with proof of City of LA residence. Info at 213-485-2260 or email srcrd@lacity.org

✓ **Councilmember O'Farrell motion to curtail fireworks**

CD13's Councilmember, and former GPIA President, Mitch O'Farrell introduced a motion instructing the police department, fire department and others to recommend new strategies to curtail illegal fireworks.

✓ **Department of Cannabis Regulation**

The City has established a new department to license and regulate legal cannabis businesses. The Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) can be reached at cannabis@lacity.org or 213-978-0738, and information about cannabis sales in Los Angeles can be found at <http://cannabis.lacity.org>

✓ **Nuisance church gets "notice to comply"**

The City's Department of Building and Safety issued a notice to comply to the owners of the Church of Latter Day Saints that burned down over a year ago. The notice requires the owners to address graffiti vandalism and other nuisance activities on the site on Fletcher Drive while they consider whether or not they will reopen the church. The LAPD is also monitoring the location.

Do you have LAW ENFORCEMENT questions?

"Ask your Neighborhood Prosecutor!"

Gabrielle Taylor, our Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's office, will do her best to answer your questions about neighborhood issues that effect our quality of life in Glassell Park.

NOTE: Gabrielle's column does not appear in this issue because she was involved in a trial at press time.

Send your question to: gpiaNews90065@gmail.com.



LETTER FROM GPIA PRESIDENT RICK BOLTON

For the last six years, Los Angeles has suffered from the worst traffic congestion of any city in the world. In 2017, the typical Angelino lost 102 hours fighting peak hour traffic. There are 13 million people in metropolitan Los Angeles, all running errands and fighting for space.

It is not surprising that all of us have become dependent on our cell phones to map out our daily routes. We think we know how to get somewhere, but Google Maps and Waze promise to cut a few minutes off our commutes, leaving us more time for YouTube. Once quiet streets now fill with traffic every morning and evening, now identified by mapping software as convenient shortcuts.

Traffic is having an enormous impact in Glassell Park, and throughout Northeast Los Angeles. Many of our streets are narrow. Poorly lit. Without sidewalks. Drivers routinely run stop signs and exceed the speed limit, treating our neighborhoods as freeways. Setting aside the blatant disrespect of such driving, it is simply unsafe for those of us who want to take a walk, ride a bicycle, exercise the dog, or simply park in front of our homes without losing a rearview mirror.

To call attention to this crucial quality of life issue, the GPIA is announcing our SLOW DOWN initiative, hoping to raise the awareness of drivers, residents and elected officials. Our upcoming member meeting on Thursday, May 10 will include a focus on our initiative – we are working to line up some interesting speakers, and our new SLOW DOWN yard sign will be available!

Have issues with traffic on your street? Please come to this meeting to learn more. Have some ideas about how to improve the situation? Come join our effort to make Glassell Park's streets more livable.

See you soon,
 Rick

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

Por los últimos seis años, Los Angeles a sufrido la peor congestión de tráfico que cualquier otra ciudad en el mundo. En el 2017, un típico Angelino perdió 102 horas combatiendo tráfico. Ay 13 millones de personas en la área metropolitana de Los Angeles peleando por espacio. No es sorpresa que hoy en día todos nosotros dependemos de nuestros teléfonos celulares para buscar mapas con diferentes rutas de camino diariamente.

Aquí en Glassell Park el tráfico a sido un impacto enorme. Muchas de nuestras calles son estrechas, con poca luz y sin aceras de camino. Los manejadores frecuentan andar en altas velocidades y no respetan los señales de paradas, tratan nuestras calles como si fueran la carretera. Por eso, para llamar la atención a este problema crucial que afecta nuestra calidad de vida el GPIA desarrollo una iniciativa llamada SLOW DOWN ("ve mas despacio") con la esperanza de brindar conciencia a los manejadores y residentes. Habrá un gran enfoque de este tema en nuestra siguiente junta de miembros de la comunidad, el 10 de Mayo del 2018. Tendremos algunos presentadores de la comunidad hablando de esta iniciativa y también los nuevos señales para sus yardas que dirán...SLOW DOWN!

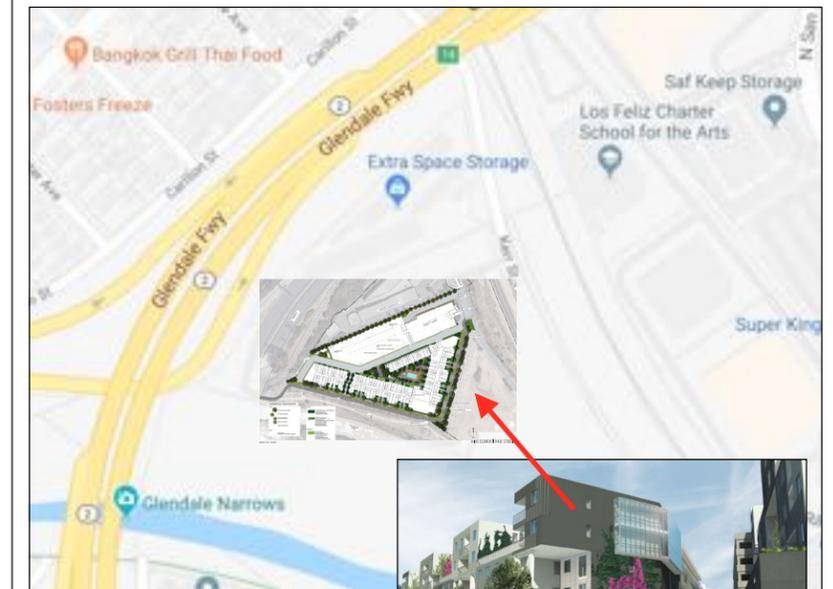
Asi que, si tienen problemas con tráfico en sus calles porfavor únense a nosotros en esta junta para obtener más información . Apóyenos en nuestro esfuerzo de convertir nuestra comunidad un poco más habitante y segura.

Muchísimas gracias,
 Rick

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Bowtie Lofts presentation at community meeting in June



The developers planning to build a 491-unit housing complex along the LA River in Glassell Park will present their project, called Bowtie Lofts, at the GPNC's Planning & Land Use Committee's (PLUC) meeting on Thursday, June 28th, at 7pm. The site, at 2750 Casitas, is located adjacent to the 2 Freeway at the northwest end of Bowtie State Park, and can only be accessed via residential streets off Fletcher Drive in Atwater Village.

The community is always welcome at PLUC meetings which take place in the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center, 3750 N. Verdugo Road behind the Public Storage Building.

El Paso/Eagle Rock Blvd. left turn light gets go-ahead

A long-awaited community improvement may be coming to Glassell Park with work commencing later this year.

According to CD14, the LADOT identified funds through the Vision Zero initiative to install a left turn signal to facilitate drivers heading southeast on Eagle Rock Boulevard turning left onto El Paso.

In addition, CD14 has asked LADOT to consider an addendum to the approval and install another left turn light for traffic on Eagle Rock Boulevard wanting to turn left into the Target parking lot.

The LADOT study of traffic problems at Avenue 42 and Eagle Rock Boulevard has not been completed, and the CD is still pursuing improvements there.

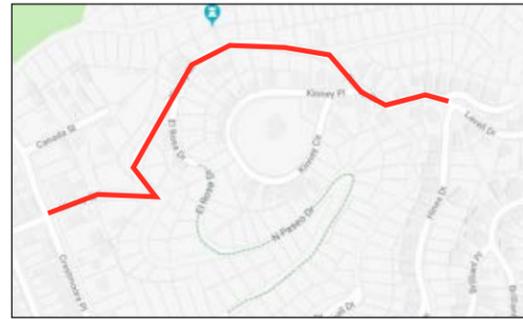
Senate Bill 827 fails

The State Senate bill that would have negated Glassell Park's Community Plans, Specific Plans, Historic Districts and Design Overlays while allowing for construction of buildings four to five stories tall within half a mile of transit stops and eliminating parking minimums, was rejected by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Senate Bill 827 was described in detail by GPIA Land Use Chair Helene Schpak in the March/April issue of this newsletter.

Kinney Street improvements update

At the GPNC's Planning and Land Use Committee's (PLUC) March meeting, Gerald Gubatan, CD1 Senior Planning Deputy, spoke about the status of road improvements on Kinney Street, a substandard roadway, from Crestmoore Place to Barryknoll Drive. The committee asked that the improvements extend to the Lavell Drive intersection.

Mr. Gubatan said that the Bureau of Engineering submitted a budget request in the amount \$4 million that includes: \$1.5 million for design, \$2 million for construction, and \$500,000 for survey work. On April 19th, the Mayor presented his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and \$1.7 million is earmarked for the Kinney Street project (from Crestmoore to Lavell). The City Council is now reviewing the budget and will hold a vote after hearings. If the Kinney Street funds remain in the final budget, the Bureau of Engineering will be able to begin the design phase of the improvements after July 1st.



Kinney Street between Crestmoore Place and Lavell Drive

When asked "What happens to development on Kinney Street during study/survey/design period?" Mr. Gubatan explained that the City Council can adopt an "Interim Control Ordinance" if justification of over-development is made. As an alternative, he stated that the Department of Building and Safety can post a "Zoning Information" or "ZI" warning on parcels, informing permit applicants that Kinney Street is currently being studied for improvements.

PLUC chose to request an "Interim Control Ordinance" to prevent building permits from being issued for Kinney Street while the study is conducted. The GPNC Board voted to approve and send PLUC's letter.

FOLAR River Cleanup, April 21st

by Jim Kiehl

It got hot along the river. FOLAR turned out about 1200 people for the Bowtie Parcel clean up. We had twenty three volunteers from Glassell Park. GPIA President Rick Bolton, Katie Mills, Suzie & Mike Wilkinson and Marge Piane joined me in working on volunteer support with water and t-shirts from FOLAR. GPIA Improvement Chair Michelle Alvarez took great photos. The others from Glassell Park were down in the river picking up trash. By noon we had three full roll-off bins and another almost full. We worked with our allies FOLAR, LA Conservation Corps and the Parent Volunteers of Juntos Park. We also used the event to further outreach to our community with information about the GPIA, our Flash Cleanups and voter registration materials. A good time was had by all—including the river.



photos by Michelle Alvarez



Reports from the U.S. and State Capitols

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

Dear neighbor,
In a last-minute move, the Trump administration announced that it will add a question to the 2020 Census asking respondents about their citizenship status. This decision – motivated purely by politics – is yet another example of Donald Trump's attack on California.

The Constitution requires the census, every ten years, to count each and every person in the country regardless of immigration or citizenship status. The data collected by the census is used to apportion representatives in Congress; determine how many votes each state will have in the Electoral College; draw state, local, and congressional districts; allocate billions of federal funds to local communities; and make informed business decisions in the private sector.

The Trump administration's ill-advised effort to add a question on citizenship threatens to sabotage the 2020 Census. Asking about citizenship status would drive down response rates, costing California billions of dollars in federal funding for critical programs like Head Start, Medicare and infrastructure; and fair representation in Congress and the Electoral College.

As a member of the powerful House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which has oversight of the U.S. Census Bureau, I am at the center of the fight for a fair and accurate census. My colleagues and I have called for a hearing to press the Administration on its motivation and decision to add the citizenship question. I'm proud to announce that the majority has relented and scheduled a hearing for May 8th, 2018.

The census occurs only once every ten years, and there are no do-overs. I will fight to protect the integrity of the census and make sure the 2020 Census is fair, accurate, and non-partisan.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress

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California Senate District 24 report from **State Senator Kevin de León**

Dear Neighbor,
Here in Los Angeles, access to water, green spaces, and adequate parks in our communities couldn't be more important. Our children yearn, as I once did, for open places untouched by concrete where they can feel the earth beneath their feet.

Our climate is changing rapidly. Severe droughts followed by long periods of heavy rainfall wreak havoc on our existing flood protection infrastructure. Last year, the Oroville Dam's compromised spillway put the lives of 250,000 people in jeopardy. We cannot afford another close call.

That's why I proposed Senate Bill 5 last year, to secure more than \$5 billion to build new parks, shore up our flood infrastructure, and invest in clean-water projects. This is the first bond of its kind that focuses on social equity by prioritizing expenditures in California's underserved communities.

Now the future of our state's parks and water infrastructure is in your hands. On June 5th, voters will have the chance to weigh in on Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

With your "Yes" vote this June, we can work towards transforming more urban areas in our cities by developing safe, clean parks while proactively preparing for California's next water crisis.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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

Dear Neighbors,
Over the past four months in Sacramento, I've introduced and presented legislation to protect and invest in all Californians, including fighting to make sure homeowners are empowered to protect themselves and their children from the debilitating effects of lead paint in their homes. Three of the nation's largest paint companies are attempting to skirt their responsibilities and fool taxpayers. Our bill, **AB 2995**, places the accountability back on paint companies. For more, visit CleanUpToxicPaint.org

Our bill package this year also includes two park bills, **AB 2614** and **AB 2615**, which promote better and safer access to our State Parks. I've also authored **AB 2381**, which holds automobile corporations responsible for clean air. My team and I will be working diligently this year to get these bills passed and signed into law by the Governor.

In the district, I've had the pleasure of meeting community members and hearing their stories. We've sat down over coffee to discuss issues in education, housing, the environment and more.

Let's continue to make Assembly District 51 an urban oasis and plant a free tree!

What: Free Tree Adoption Event in partnership with City Plants

Where: Highland Park Adult Senior Citizen Center, 6152 N. Figueroa Street.

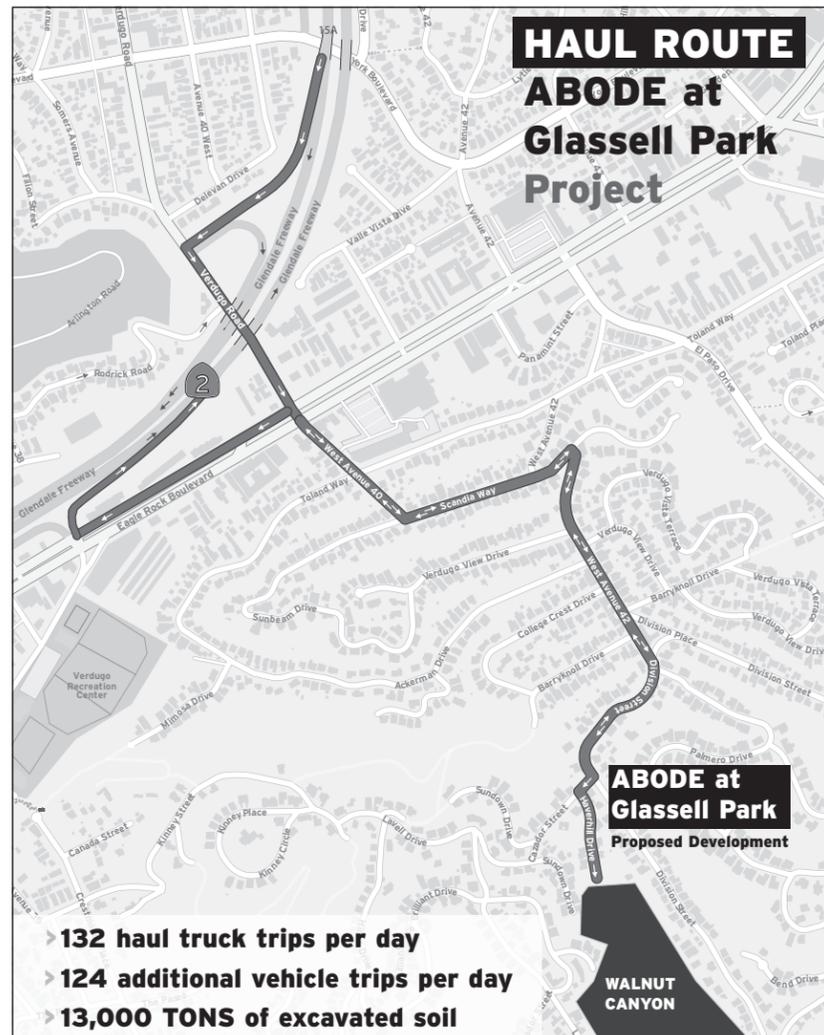
When: Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (while supplies last)

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach our Glassell Park representative, Alfonso Ruiz, at (213) 483-5151 or alfonso.ruiz@asm.ca.gov.

In Solidarity,
Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember, 51st District

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Friends of Walnut Canyon committee



Hope everyone's enjoying springtime in Walnut Canyon! Have you seen the hawk's nest with 3 chicks? It's easy to spot from the trail if you look at the trees towards Division Street. The canyon is thriving and we hope to keep it that way!!

As of press time the city has not yet released the Final Environmental Impact Report for the ABODE 32 tract home development in Walnut Canyon. As soon as the FEIR is released, Friends of Walnut Canyon will alert the community and host a meeting to answer questions and offer an opportunity to raise your concerns with city and county leaders.

In its current form, the developer's proposed haul route will severely degrade the quality of life for residents as well as commuters for over 1 1/2 years during the extensive excavation and construction phase. The development will also destroy a thriving wildlife habitat and 168 rare California Black Walnut trees.

In the meantime, we ask that you spread the word about voting **YES on PROP 68** which will appear on the **JUNE 5th ballot**. Prop 68 will provide over a billion dollars statewide to fund the creation of local parks and protect open space and wildlife habitats. The passage of Prop 68 is critical to helping fund the purchase of Walnut Canyon. Visit GPIA.org to stay informed, or join our email list: FriendsOfWalnutCanyon@gmail.com

Please email us photos of you with your family, friends or pets enjoying Walnut Canyon!

Mayor's report

City of Los Angeles report from **Sonnie Martinez**, East Area Representative for **Mayor Eric Garcetti**

Mayor Eric Garcetti unveiled his 2019 budget proposal — a \$9.9 billion spending plan that would more than double the City's investment in the fight against homelessness, and put tens of millions of new dollars into street, sidewalk and traffic safety improvements, while continuing to strengthen the City's fiscal foundation.

The budget will invest more than \$429 million in permanent housing, temporary shelter, services, and facilities to help homeless Angelenos find their way off the streets and under a roof. That represents a 140% increase over last year, and includes the \$20 million plan Mayor Garcetti announced to stand up emergency shelters across the city.

"Homelessness is the moral and humanitarian crisis of our time, and we will confront it with historic investments in getting unsheltered Angelenos off the street," said Mayor Garcetti. "My budget also doubles down on the kinds of improvements — like better streets and sidewalks — that Angelenos can see and feel in their neighborhoods, and strengthens our commitment to protecting the city against another economic downturn."

The proposed budget increases spending to fix L.A.'s streets and sidewalks, and make them safer for everyone. It includes \$91 million for Vision Zero, and traffic and pedestrian safety projects, \$41 million for new sidewalks, \$73.4 million for street reconstruction, and \$147.8 million for street maintenance. Those numbers represent increases of \$13 million, \$10 million, \$43.4 million, and \$16.4 million over last year.

For more information please visit: <http://openbudget.lacity.org/>

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City Council Districts Reports

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

Councilmember Cedillo celebrated the 1 million AB60 driver's licenses issued since the legislation went into effect in 2015. A 2017 Stanford study proved what we already knew, that issuing driver's licenses to undocumented motorists improves traffic safety. AB60 licenses were issued in droves as soon as the law went into effect, and have remained steady at about 10,000 per month. Just last week, DMV announced that we hit the 1 million mark.

We are also allocating more trash cans on streets that meet Bureau of Sanitation guidelines. If you have a suggestion for a corner with high pedestrian traffic and trash accumulation, please let our office at (323)550-1538. This can be any location in CD1.

We are currently in the planning process partnering with community leader Brian Fitzburgh for Glassell Bark event in June that includes pet adoptions and focuses on our furry animal friends. If you would like to participate please contact Sylvia Robledo at Sylvia.Robledo@lacity.org. We have booths and activities where community residents can bring their pets and other family members.

We also encourage everyone to continue our 'Keep It Clean' initiative and call 311 to report bulky items or graffiti. The 311 app is also easier and efficient, please download it and 'Keep It Clean.'

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

Friends:
Several years ago, Washington Irving Middle School received bond funding under Proposition K to construct a sports field on the school playground, a picnic and rest area, and an ADA-accessible restroom.

Since 2003, the facilities have been used by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and our own Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) as an active park for both the school and local residents. However, the synthetic sports field was taken out of service by LAUSD in 2014 due to significant deterioration and safety concerns.

Since taking office, one of my top priorities has been to ensure that the field was restored to its original condition so that it can continue to be enjoyed by both the community and students from LAUSD. In 2017, my office worked with RAP and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) to allocate funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other City funding sources to replace the all-weather turf sports field and running track.

I'm happy to announce that construction is currently underway, with completion expected in the next couple of weeks. I'm looking forward to finally bringing this much needed amenity back to the community of Glassell Park.

I want to personally thank you for your support as we continue to fight for even better neighborhoods in the years ahead. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my Glassell Park Field Deputy Hector Vega at hector.vega@lacity.org or 213-207-3015.

Kind regards,
MITCH O'FARRELL

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

Hello Glassell Park,
In March and April we continued our efforts to address the City's homelessness crisis, with Mayor Garcetti signing three ordinances to help those experiencing homelessness.

While CD14 is home to the most supportive housing units for homeless individuals in the City, I was proud to join my colleagues in pledging at least 222 units of permanent supportive housing every three years in each council district. Measure HHH, which I co-authored, ensures that we pay for homeless supportive housing together, and the 222 pledge ensures that we all build housing together throughout the City.

The Permanent Supportive Housing and Motel Conversion Ordinances provide new tools to speed up desperately needed housing and streamline our approval processes, meaning Measure HHH housing will get built quicker.

The Shelter Crisis Ordinance, which I introduced, makes it easier to establish new emergency shelters on public property, like the temporary shelter program I proposed at El Pueblo. Our work continues, but we are making progress.

Please remember that CD14 is here to assist you. Visit my website, www.josehuizar.com, to read more about all the things happening in the district. You can also contact my Glassell Park Field Deputy, Lucy Aparicio, at my Northeast Field Office, 323-254-5295.

Sincerely,
José Huizar
Councilmember, 14th District

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February Flash Cleanup & Councilman in Your Corner
by Jim Kiehl



We met on Estara Avenue in front of Washington Irving Middle School. As part of our tie-in with their Councilman on Your Corner event, CD 13 had a bulky item bin for us to fill and both of their clean teams plus their graffiti abatement team. In addition, several of the charter high schools in the area had a contingent of over fifty students.

Several took photos of our banner with our Flash Cleanup schedule for the rest of 2018 and we are hoping to see them again.

The GPIA had a team of fifteen and the Parent Volunteers of Juntos Park joined with a crew of nine. CD 13 had ten staff members there, led by Councilman Mitch O'Farrell, Community Organizer Sylvan De La Cruz, and Hector Vega our Field Deputy for Glassell Park. Additionally Captain Sandoval of LAPD's Northeast Division and several of his deputies were there.

Councilmember O'Farrell recognized the owners and staff of NoTox Life for establishing their business here in Glassell Park. He also recognized the GPIA for its ongoing efforts in the community and our 50th Anniversary this year.

Before the Flash Cleanup began, the Street Trees and Sidewalks Committee watered the trees in front of Glassell Park Elementary School and the Early Education Center. The Committee also took advantage of the occasion to give a list of tree stump locations to our Field Deputy for help with removals.

March Flash Cleanup

by Jim Kiehl

It looked like we might have been rained out for the first time in the history of the Flash Cleanup series. However, on March 17th the luck of the Irish came through and we had a good turnout and a productive cleanup. We got a fair amount of trash and weeds from behind the fence in front of Public Storage in spite of an arm's length reach limitation. CD1's cleanup team did not join us that Saturday. However, they did show up on Eagle Rock Blvd. and Avenue 32 later in the week and did a significant clean-up on the east side of the street.

CD 13 supported us and the Parent Volunteers of Juntos Park on their monthly cleanup with a bin at the Community Garden on Drew Street, and their clean team picked up full trash bags from both cleanups. GPIA President Rick Bolton brought a load of bulky items from his home and the Flash Cleanup team located and delivered two truckloads. By 9am we delivered our last load, and CD 13's clean team finished filling the bin. They even got rid of a discarded hot tub dumped on Verdugo Road at Rodrick Road under the freeway. This is a lot of trash off our streets. Hard work and a little luck pays off for the Irish and Glassell Park!



Photo on left by Jonathan Reyes, CD13



GPIA FLASH CLEANUP!
2018 schedule:

- May 19**
South Glassell Park Monument/
Transit Pavilion, 8:00 am,
Cypress Street, San Fernando
Road & Eagle Rock Boulevard
- June 16**
La Esquina triangle, 8:00 am,
Division Street & Avenue 33
- July 21**
Crestmoore Steps, 8:00 am,
Crestmoore Street just off Verdugo
Road
- August 18**
Verdugo Village, 8:00 am, Verdugo
Rd. & York Blvd.
- September 22**
Freeway Underpass & Verdugo
median, 8:00 am, Verdugo Road at
Rodrick Road
- October 20**
San Fernando Road, Ribet
Academy.
8:00 am, San Fernando Rd. at 2
Freeway
- November 17**
North Glassell Park Monument
8:00 am, Eagle Rock Blvd median
near York

Join the Flash Cleanup team!
www.gpia.org
or email Jim at
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GET INVOLVED BY JOINING THE

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:
MAY 15TH AT 7PM
JUNE 19TH AT 7PM

LOCATION:
GLASSELL PARK COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER
3750 VERDUGO RD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90065

Protocol for driving on narrow hillside roads

The Department of Motor Vehicles handbook tells drivers that "when two vehicles meet on a steep road where neither vehicle can pass, **the vehicle facing downhill must yield the right-of-way by backing up until the vehicle going uphill can pass.** The vehicle facing downhill has the greater amount of control when backing up the hill."

Because gravity works more in favor of the vehicle that is attempting to head downhill, that driver should back up to a pullout point. The opposite is true for the driver trying to get up the hill. If he or she decided to reverse down the hill, gravity could cause the driver to lose control and crash.

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Rec & Parks hosts "Eggstravaganza" under the lights at Rio Park



photos by Molly Lynn Taylor

Tires only Flash Cleanup

We gathered on Avenue 33 between Verdugo and Eagle Rock Blvd. at 8:00 AM with the goal of moving discarded tires out of Glassell Park. Three truck teams picked up tires we were informed of as well as any tires they found on the way. We delivered 26 tires to the city's clean up event at the Montecito Heights Recreation Center!

Thanks to volunteers Bob Ammons, Suzie and Mike Wilkinson, Carlos Cabrera, Jim Kiehl, and Jonathan Reyes of CD 13 and crew. Additionally, Eric Tallman and Molly Lynn Taylor did great work on communications for the event. Finally, we had significant assistance from CD 13 and our field deputy Hector Vega who dispatched their clean team to help in the effort.

by Jim Kiehl



photo by Jim Kiehl

**Uptown
Gay & Lesbian
Alliance**
"In Northeast
Los Angeles
for Good"

UGLA.org

Rummage Sale is bigger than ever!



The GPIA's 3rd Annual Rummage sale was another great success.

We brought in nearly \$1,200 for our ongoing community work plus we gained 4 new members and as many renewals. Thank you to the volunteers who worked the event, the many who donated items, the Seniors for loaning us their tables and, of course, those who shopped!

March meeting with USPS draws a crowd



The community came out to get answers and updates from USPS representatives at the March GPIA meeting.

photo by Eric Tallman

Little Free Library gets a makeover

After the GPIA's Little Free Library was vandalized, graffitied and emptied, it was time for a little TLC.

GPIA volunteers gave it a new door, a coat of chalkboard paint (Rio Park will supply the chalk), some color, a community "Take One" box and lots of books, CDs and DVDs. "Take a book, leave a book" or "Toma el libro, deja el libro".



Confusion on Kinney averted by rogue signage



Robertson's cement company put up a sign (left) on Kinney St. Residents who didn't read the top were confused until someone fixed it with a no-brainer sign (right).



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Glassell Recreation Preschool gets crowns



photo by preschool teacher Mrs. Corona

The GPIA's color-your-own "GLASSELLAND" crowns have been a big hit at community events, and the young G'lllanders at the Glassell Recreation preschool were not to be left out of the fun and community pride.

Do you shop at amazon?????

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

SAVE THE DATE!

**CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 20, 2018**

ADVERTISE in the GPIA NEWS

Advertise your business to target households in Glassell Park! Your ad in the "Glassell Park Improvement Association News" will be viewed by consumers who care about their community and want to patronize and support our local businesses. Many sizes & rates are available--single issue or six consecutive issues, full color or black & white. For example, your black & white, business card-sized ad will run in six consecutive issues for \$125.00. A new business membership gets one free 2x3.5" ad!
Email gpiaNews90065@gmail.com for a rate sheet.
Members receive a 10% discount on all ads.

The GPIA Newsletter is published on the 1st of January, March, May, July, September and November. Designed and edited by Marge Piante. Submissions welcome.
Contact the GPIA at: gpia90065@gmail.com
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MyLA 311

The easiest & fastest way to request City services is via the MyLA311 app for phones. Download is free.
You can also access MyLA311 on the web at:
<https://myLA311.lacity.org>

Glassell Park's Law Enforcers:

**Neighborhood Prosecutor
Gabrielle Taylor**
213-978-7878 or email gabrielle.taylor@lacity.org

**Senior Lead Officer
Luis Reyes**
213-793-0758 or email 33184@lapd.online
Northeast LAPD Station: 323-561-3216

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)	213-485-6250
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

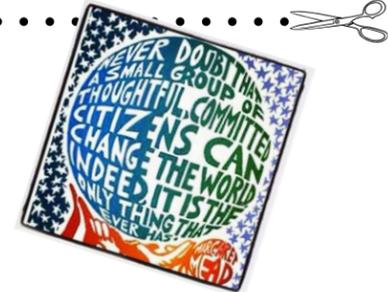
As always, in an emergency call 9-1-1
For all city services, call 3-1-1, or use MyLA311 app

JOIN the GPIA!

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

- Please check all that apply:
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual membership (\$15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Business membership (\$25)
<i>(includes one free 2x3.5" ad)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> New membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household membership (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax deductible donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60+) (\$12) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Please email my newsletter |

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



Neighborhood information at hand:

<p>City Council Field Offices</p> <p>Council District 1 Gil Cedillo 3750 Verdugo Road L.A., CA 90065 323-341-5671</p> <p>Council District 13 Mitch O'Farrell 1722 Sunset Blvd L.A., CA 90026 213-207-3015</p> <p>Council District 14 José Huizar 2035 Colorado Blvd L.A., CA 90041 323-254-5295</p>	<p>2018 GPIA Board Members</p> <p>President Rick Bolton</p> <p>Vice President Melinda Martinez</p> <p>Treasurer Eric Tallman</p> <p>Secretary Marge Piane</p> <p>Improvement Chair Michelle Alvarez</p> <p>Area Representatives Nancy Cortes Marcie Rose Fatima Guzman</p> <p>Land Use Liaison Helene Schpak</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Marge Piane</p> <p>Friends of Walnut Canyon Chair Suzan Olson Davis</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>May 10 GPIA General Membership meeting, 7pm, see cover</p> <p>May 12 CD13 Community Conference: workshops/resources/food, Irving Middle School, 9a-1p, free event</p> <p>May 15 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 9</p> <p>May 19 <i>Flash Cleanup!</i> South Monument/Transit Triangle, 8am, see page 8</p> <p>May 20 Flashmob! Photo, see cover</p> <p>May 28 Memorial Day holiday</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>June 5 California Primary Election see center insert</p> <p>June 13 GPIA Board meeting, 7pm</p> <p>June 16 <i>Flash Cleanup!</i> Triangle opposite La Esquina, Division & Avenue 33, 8am, see page 8</p> <p>June 19 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 9</p> </td> </tr> </table> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">  CELEBRATION OCTOBER 20, 2018 </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">All meetings and events are at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center, 3750 N. Verdugo Road, unless otherwise noted.</p>	<p>May 10 GPIA General Membership meeting, 7pm, see cover</p> <p>May 12 CD13 Community Conference: workshops/resources/food, Irving Middle School, 9a-1p, free event</p> <p>May 15 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 9</p> <p>May 19 <i>Flash Cleanup!</i> South Monument/Transit Triangle, 8am, see page 8</p> <p>May 20 Flashmob! Photo, see cover</p> <p>May 28 Memorial Day holiday</p>	<p>June 5 California Primary Election see center insert</p> <p>June 13 GPIA Board meeting, 7pm</p> <p>June 16 <i>Flash Cleanup!</i> Triangle opposite La Esquina, Division & Avenue 33, 8am, see page 8</p> <p>June 19 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 9</p>
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