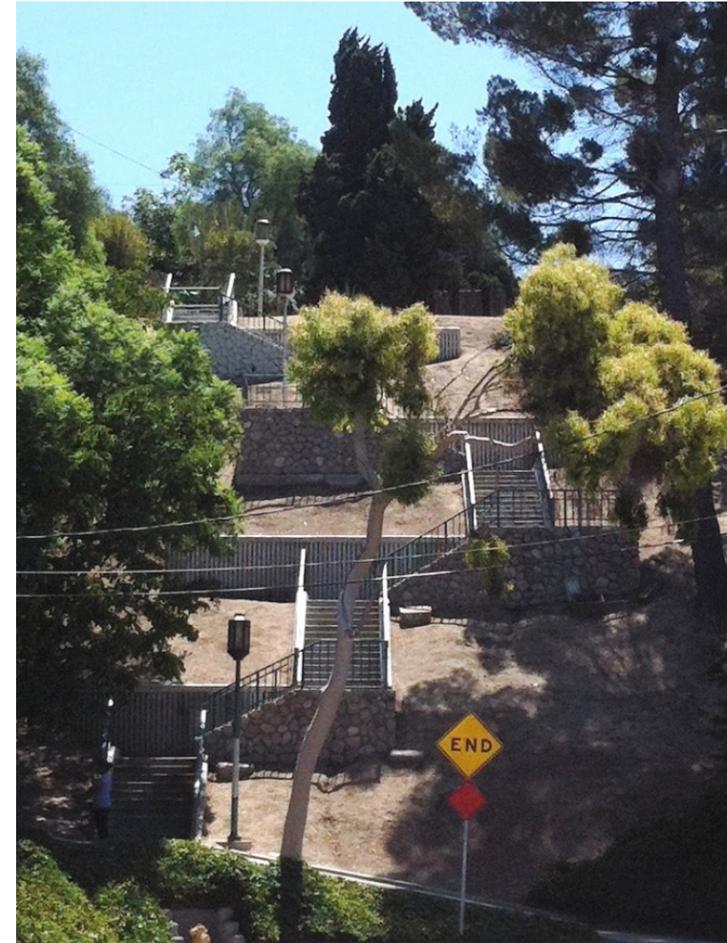


GLASSELL PARK  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
**NEWS**

**Let's get active, Glassell Park!**



*Glassell Park is full of opportunities to "get active" including stairways like these that connect Crestmoore Place off Verdugo Road.*



Please come to the next GPIA meeting Thursday, **September 13th!**

In addition to up-to-the-minute community news and discussion, we'll have a presentation about California's proposed **high-speed rail project.**

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

★ **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 9/13** ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held on

**Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 7pm**

at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center

3750 N. Verdugo Road, L.A. 90065



The Community Center is located behind the Public Storage building.

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

**What's going on in Glassell Park?**

✓ **UNTAG kicks off 9th year**

L.A. City Councilmember, Eric Garcetti (CD13), launched the 9th year of UNTAG (Uniting Neighborhoods To Abolish Graffiti), a program through which volunteers monitor one block or one hot spot for graffiti and report it to the City for removal. To volunteer: <http://untagla.com/index.html>

✓ **Farmers Market**

SEE-LA and CD13 are moving forward with plans to bring a Farmers Market to Glassell Park. They will present a timetable, location alternatives, and logo designs at the next community meeting on Wednesday, September 5th, 6:30pm at the GP Community Center.

✓ **Graffiti cleanup**

The City Council approved \$18,000 to pay for additional graffiti clean-up crews throughout Council District 1 for four weeks.

✓ **New polling place**

The County Registrar-Recorder and the California Secretary of State responded to a complaint about the inaccessibility of Mt. Washington Elementary School to Glassell Park voters who live in the precinct (9006313A) bordered on the west by Moss Avenue. They are looking for a new polling place that can be reached by those who don't have access to a car or a ride.

✓ **Fletcher Square dedicated**

A sign designating the area of Glassell Park formerly called Drew/Estara as "Fletcher Square" was unveiled on July 21st. Local volunteers who have worked to better the area were honored as well.

✓ **Eagle Rock Boulevard construction**

Work on the new multi-unit residential building at 3901 Eagle Rock Blvd., across from Public Storage, is proceeding. A spokesperson for the builder said they plan to follow through on everything promised, and agreed to in writing, at a GPIA meeting. These improvements will include a pedestrian oriented frontage that will be lit for safety, and aesthetically pleasing landscaping.

✓ **Sidewalks survey instead of repairs?**

The City Council is considering spending more than \$10 million on a comprehensive survey of damaged sidewalks throughout the city that street repair officials say would take three years to complete, and would be first step toward drafting a sidewalk repair bond measure. The idea is to tally the total cost to fix citywide sidewalk damage and then ask property owners to tax themselves to cover the cost.

✓ **NELA residents demand clean air**

Members of the Northeast Residents for Clean Air presented several demands at the Metrolink Board meeting on August 10th. They called for a reduction in pollution and noise from Taylor Yard Maintenance Facility that impact residents of Northeast Los Angeles.



**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear GPIA Members-

Oftentimes it is difficult for me to walk around our community, as I get discouraged by some of the neglected things I see; but the other day Daniel Andalon, our new Representative from CD-1, joined a group of neighbors on Moss, Yorkshire, Parrish and Lavell, and together we had an encouraging, informative and productive Walkabout Glassell Park. With thanks to Marge--not only does she produce our newsletter with creative and affirmative direction; but when given the opportunity, she offered to introduce CD-1 to their new constituency (us).

We started at Moss Canyon, where we talked about the developments on Parrish, that now rim the canyon's top and are still under construction after nearly five years. We showed him the sand bagging that has been upgraded since the GPIA/Mayor's Day of Service project several years ago, when we created some dams to keep mud and boulders from flowing into the street when heavy rains fall. We also spoke about creating a Community Orchard on the paper street part of Moss Avenue that is the floor of the canyon.

Then we went up Yorkshire to where 4 houses have been

abandoned by their developer, and noticed that doors were open. The neighbors were encouraged to call LAPD to investigate, and sure enough, the day after, squatters were discovered. Daniel asked the neighbors what their preferences would be for the buildings--which can never really be finished--and all agreed their preference would be to have them torn down, and then to have the hillside returned to its natural state.

We also noted speeding down hill drivers who ignored stop signs while we watched. We also talked sidewalks. We showed Daniel how, where there are no sidewalks or curbs, berms are necessary to keep the water flowing in the streets and not into homes on the downslope sides; and how when sidewalks do get implemented, it's in a one-size fits all method, which does not actually work well on our "sub-standard" streets. We discussed some simple solutions to parking situations that could work for the community, and some improved street safety measures including placing some convex mirrors on the blind curves.

All in all it was a productive and informative morning. *And I know Daniel was listening!!*

Thank you to Daniel, Annette, Betsy, Paul, Ian, Amman and of course Marge.

Sincerely yours,  
Alisa

P.S. I hope you will consider joining us at Taix for our 44th anniversary dinner this year--the food is always delicious and the company is always exceptional!

**Update on the proposed 710 freeway tunneling plans**

Although the 710 connector nightmare is still without end, at least Metro is now recommending that the F-2 alternative be taken off the table. The F-2 alternative would have tunneled under the Mt. Washington and Glassell Park hills, climbing out of the ground on Eagle Rock Blvd. to fly over the 2 freeway up Verdugo Road to connect back with the 2 and 134 freeways.



In a letter sent out to the community, Metro states: "Build Alternatives F-2, F-5, F-6, H-2 and H-6 are the low performing and/or most environmentally damaging alternatives as analyzed using the Study's Purpose and Need, objectives and established performance measures. Therefore, further evaluation of these alternatives is not merited."

Metro **staff recommends** advancing the following **five alternatives** for detailed study:

- \*No Build
- \*BRT 6 (Bus Rapid Transit) refinements – Los Angeles to Pasadena
- \*LRT 4 (Light Rail Transit) refinements – East L.A. to Pasadena
- \*F-7 (freeway tunnel) – Connecting north and south termini of existing SR 710
- \*TSM/TDM (Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management)

It's expected that Metro's recommendations will be approved and this most recent tangential charade will come to an end. But this battle is long from over for all those who would be impacted by a F-7 alternative and the many people who support them.

*Editor's note:* CD14 and Metro will host a community meeting about the SR-710 extension on September 19th. See back cover for time & place.

**Portantino demands shut down of 710 planning**

On August 22nd, Assemblymember Anthony Portantino demanded the California Department of Transportation stop all work on a proposed extension of the 710 Freeway.

Portantino said planning for a tunnel extending the 710 from its Alhambra terminus to Pasadena has been "tainted and biased."

**CEQA stays (for now)**

A late-hour bid by business interests and some lawmakers to gut the California Environmental Quality Act fell apart in late August, with Senate President pro tem Darrell Steinberg saying the upper house will not take up the measure before the legislative session's end.

The proposal would have limited the reach of California's signature environmental law, insulating from litigation certain projects that comply with a city general plan or other planning document for which an environmental review has already been done.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, said CEQA "has become a blunt instrument to kill projects."

"I'm relieved," said Sierra Club California director Kathryn Phillips, who called the bill "one of the worst attacks on environmental protections that we've seen in the 40-year life of this law."

Senators plan to revisit changing CEQA during the next session.

## Council Districts Deputy Reports

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

From knocking on doors to visit Glassell Park residents, to fighting to keep the Glassell Park pool open, and backing legislation to oppose a 710 freeway extension through the area, the two months since Glassell Park became part of CD1 have been very exciting.

On August 4th, Councilmember Ed Reyes and staff walked door-to-door to introduce themselves, share information and welcome Glassell Park residents to the First District. It was a great experience, as we knew it would be. We heard directly from residents about their ideas for improving the community, and sensed a wonderful activism throughout the neighborhood.

Then, at an August 8th community meeting, the Councilmember and his Chief of Staff Jose Gardea worked closely with residents to keep our Glassell Park pool open. In an era of budget cuts, we face tough choices; but we are all committed to working with the community to find a solution.

Councilmember Reyes believes in responsible urban planning and respect for neighborhoods. He recently supported a City Council resolution to reiterate his opposition to all 710 freeway expansion alternatives through any portion of his district that could adversely impact Glassell Park.

Everyone at CD1 looks forward to working with you to create a safer, healthier and happier place for all of us in Glassell Park.

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

Each year, Council District 13 names a "Pioneer Woman" to recognize someone who has made outstanding contributions to the strength, vitality, and enrichment of Los Angeles. This year, Councilmember Eric Garcetti was proud to honor Irma Beserra Nuñez, whom many Glassell Park residents know as the physical fitness instructor at the Glassell Park Senior and Community Center.

Dancing since age four when her mother enrolled her in a Spanish classical dance class at the City Terrace Recreation Center near her childhood home, Irma is now enriching the lives of hundreds of Northeast Los Angeles seniors who have taken her yoga, qi gong, tai chi, line dancing, and salsa classes. Her infectious spirit and genuine commitment to service are making Los Angeles a better place for people of all ages.

In addition to sharing her love of the arts, Irma is also a community advocate. She and her husband Juan "Johnny" Gonzalez have worked together on a number of initiatives to unite California's diverse communities through a stronger understanding of art and culture. Recently, Irma was also an outspoken advocate in the successful fight to save LAUSD's Adult Education programs.

Stop by the Glassell Park Recreation Center to check out the classes and activities there. And remember to congratulate and thank Irma for her dedication to our neighborhood!

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

On Friday, August 24th, the City of Los Angeles gave the green light to four parklet projects – all in Council District 14 – which represent the City's first parklets and will lead to future pedestrian projects throughout the City where parking spaces can be turned into public plazas and other uses.

Councilmember Huizar's office worked with Living Streets L.A. on two pilot projects in El Sereno and Highland Park, and along with Councilmember Jan Perry, introduced a motion in 2011 to support those projects, as well as two on Spring Street in Downtown and to direct City departments to develop a long-range plan to support parklets throughout the City. The City Council vote also asked for a six-month report following the Council District 14 Pilot Parklet program to do just that.

The pilot project includes two parklets (or street plazas) on Spring Street in Downtown Los Angeles – that project was created by the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council in partnership with UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs with funding from the Gilbert Foundation.

The two other pedestrian parklets on Huntington Drive in El Sereno and York Boulevard in Highland Park were designed by community members through a 2010 initiative funded by Councilmember Huizar and developed through Council District 14 and Living Streets LA to improve Huntington Drive and York Boulevard. That effort will eventually add a \$2.85 million Proposition 84 funded pocket park on York Boulevard and an additional parklet on Huntington Drive, among other community-designed improvements.

The parklets are part of Councilmember Huizar's commitment to supporting local businesses and neighborhoods by providing them with pedestrian-friendly public spaces that are accessible to everyone.

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## Vote and/or run for GP Neighborhood Council October 13th



Neighborhood Councils are an increasingly strong voice in city government weighing in with recommendations on issues of importance to the community from bike lanes to zoning changes, and everything in between. On October 13th, stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate on this very local level.

There are 15 open board seats on the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, and Empower LA's website (<http://empowerla.org/gpnc/glassell-park-nc-elections/>) has a chart of all open positions with the qualifications and documentation required to run for each.

The candidate filing period ends soon--**September 13th**, but the process is simple: 1. Pick an open seat; 2. Fill out the Candidate Filing Form; 3. Submit the form and documentation. There is no fee to file.

The website states that "stakeholders who live, work, own property or who declare a stake in the GPNC and affirm a factual basis for it and who are 18 years or older" may vote in the Glassell Park election.

Voting will take place at the Glassell Park Community and Senior Center, 3750 Verdugo Road, from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, October 13th. Vote by mail ballots are available until September 13th at the Empower L.A. website. More information: 818-293-VOTE.



## Opportunities to volunteer and get involved

There are many ways to get involved with our community. Here are just a few:

- ➔ **Work at a polling place**--participating in our election process is rewarding, instructive and paid work. For more information, see: <http://lavote.net/VOTER/POLLWORKER/> or call 562-462-2728
- ➔ **Join a community group**--by joining the Glassell Park Improvement Association and/or attending the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council meetings, you can participate in making our neighborhood a better place to live. Both organizations provide forums for the exchange of information, ideas, contacts and access in order to enhance our quality of life in Glassell Park
- ➔ **Community Cleanup**--Glassell Park neighbors will join together on Saturday, September 22nd, from 8am to 2pm to clean-up our streets along--and near--San Fernando Road, Eagle Rock Boulevard and Verdugo Road. This event is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, have some fun, and improve our environment. Food & refreshments will be provided. In addition, the GPIA organizes cleanups throughout the year--sign up for emails or join us on Facebook for announcements.
- ➔ **Survey LA**--identify historic places that are significant to our community either online or in person; contact Janet Hansen at [janet.hansen@lacity.org](mailto:janet.hansen@lacity.org) or 213-978-1191 or <http://www.MyHistoricLA.org>
- ➔ **UNTAG**--be a block captain, identify graffiti, get it removed, and make a difference everyone can see, go to: <http://untagla.com/involved.html>
- ➔ **Community garden**--help maintain the Glassell Park Community Garden at 3304 Drew Street
- ➔ **Make a call, write a letter, know your Field Deputy**--it's surprising how much a simple call, email or snail-mailed letter can do to get concerns addressed. Field Deputy contact info is on page 4

**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**

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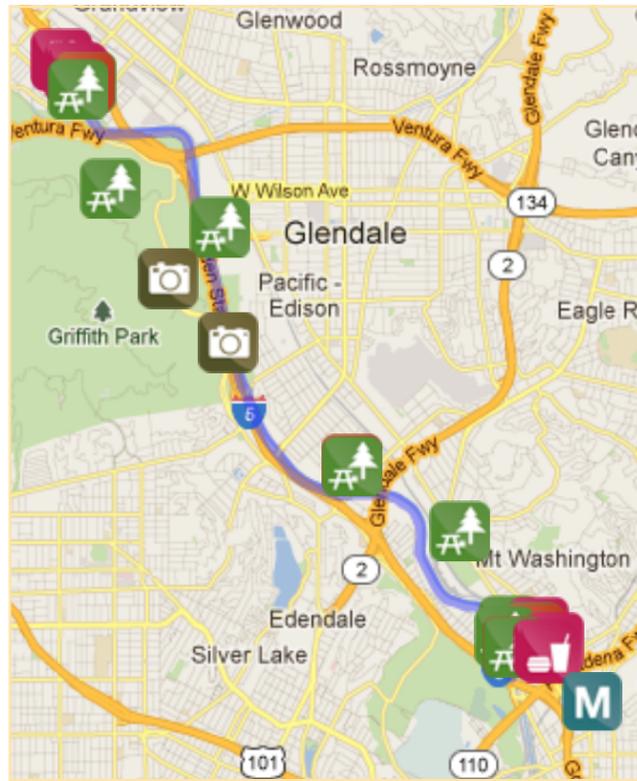
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## There's a walk/jog/bike/ride path along the L.A. River



Our portion of the 52-mile L.A. River bikeway, is a 7.4 mile path takes you along one of the nicest soft-bottom sections of the river. Yes, there's a concrete bank and it runs--at times--alongside I-5 traffic; but the best parts of it take you through a prettier, greener section, and it ends near the L.A. River Gardens.

The upper part of the route, which passes through the Glendale Narrows, offers great views of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The lower part of the route, beginning at the Heron Gates on Fletcher Drive and continuing on the Elysian Valley side, has a series of islands in the river, with gentle whitewater rapids bubbling between them. Birds and fish abound here, making it one of the best birding locations in Southern California. Herons, egrets, ducks, geese and kingfishers go about their business as hawks and eagles circle above.

The path is shared among walkers, joggers, cyclists, horseback riders, fishermen and artists enjoying the scenery.

Information, advice and more maps can be found at: [theLARiver.com](http://theLARiver.com).

## Bike Nation to install bike share kiosks

Mayor Villaraigosa announced that Bike Nation, the only Southern California-based bike share company, plans to install 400 bike share kiosks and make 4,000 bikes available throughout the City of Los Angeles. The first kiosks are expected to be in operation during the fourth quarter of 2012.

"As we have seen with CicLAvia and 'Carmavehen,' Angelenos are aching for a day without a car," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "We're building the infrastructure, we're making it safe, and we're making it practical for Angelenos to get from point A to point B on two wheels. With Bike Nation's new venture, we're making it that much easier for Angelenos to get around this town while promoting business and job growth in the City."

This initial launch in Los Angeles is a private venture investment of over \$16 million by Bike Nation, with no public funds being provided by the City. When the program begins, Bike Nation bikes can be checked-out and returned to self-service kiosks. The usage fees for the bike share system are incentivized for turnover and trips of less than 30 minutes in duration. Bike Nation will incur the installation costs and on-going maintenance expenses for these stations. Bike Nation intends to grow this system as demand increases over the next ten years.

"Bike share programs have proven successful in urban areas around the world and in major cities in the United States," stated Navin Narang, Founder, Bike Nation. "We are excited to work with the City of Los Angeles to implement this demonstration project and provide healthy, low-cost transit options and connectivity between transit connections, business centers and regional destinations."

The City is improving bike infrastructure, diversifying public transit options, and creating safer streets for pedestrians, giving Angelenos healthier and more sustainable options.

On March 1, 2011, the City adopted a long-term Bike Plan to build 1,680 miles of bikeways throughout the city over 30 years. The City hit its first goal of 40 miles of bikeways installed for the fiscal year 2011/2012. While the City is installing more bikeways than ever, it is also adding the infrastructure needed to support more bike use. Since Villaraigosa took office, LA has increased the number of bike racks in the city from 2,456 to 4,400, a nearly 80% jump.

## Glassell Park Recreation Center

Our recreation center, located at 3650 Verdugo Road, offers youth (girls and boys) and adult sports leagues; plus youth classes in tennis, boxing, soccer, basketball, flag football and baseball. Adult tennis classes are also offered.

Call the center at: 323-257-1863 for information and to register for leagues or for classes, or go to their website at: [www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/facility/glassellparkrc.htm](http://www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/facility/glassellparkrc.htm)

The facilities include:

**Pool:** Thanks to enthusiastic community support, the tireless hard work of GPIA and GPNC member Maggie Darrett-Quiroz and our Council Districts, and with the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Glassell Park pool will remain open at least until the end of the year.

**Par course:** Outdoor fitness equipment is placed at multiple locations along a walking/jogging path. There are 4 stationary and 9 moving pieces for a complete cardiovascular, strength and coordination workout. The path is a 1/3 mile circuit, so 3 times around equals one mile.

**Tennis courts:** 2 lighted courts

**Basketball courts:** 1.5 lighted courts

**Baseball diamonds:** 2 lighted diamonds

**Softball field:** 1 lighted field

**Soccer fields:** 1 turf & 1 synthetic field

**Children's play area**

**Indoor gym:** gymnasium without weights



## Glassell Park Youth Center



CLASS NAME	AGES	DAY	TIME
Art—Creative Art	5—17	Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Art—DIY Musical Instruments	7—17	Wednesday	6:15 - 7:00 P.M.
Art—Things to do with Paper & Glue	5—17	Thursday	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Cooking—No Bake Snacks	5—17	Friday	5:30 - 6:45 P.M.
Dance—Hip Hop	8—17	Friday	5:30—6:45 P.M.
Music – Intro to Piano	5—17	Tuesday	4:30 – 7:00 P.M.
Skateboarding	5—17	Wednesday	3:30—4:45 P.M.

Free after-school classes and activities are offered by the City of L.A.'s Dept. of Recreation and Parks at the Glassell Park Youth Center, located at 2727 Crestmoore Place (off Verdugo Road).

The program provides young people (ages 5-17) a level playing field with equal access to quality recreational and educational opportunities.

The six week session began the last week of August, but registration remains open until classes are filled. For more information, call the Youth Center at 323-341-5681 weekdays from 9:00am-6:00pm.

## Glassell Park Community and Senior Center offers low cost classes

### Drawing

Tuesday & Thursday, 10-11am, \$5 per month, volunteer instructor: Malcolm O'Connor

### Senior Exercise

Monday & Friday, 9-10am, \$5 per month, instructor: Marie Tropet

### Ballroom Dancing Group

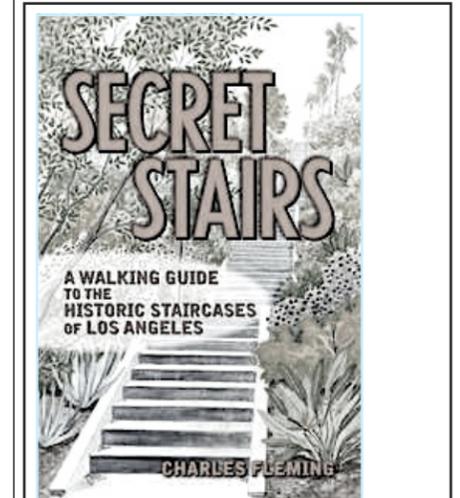
meets Tuesdays from 1-4pm, free

### Arthritis Exercise Class

Monday & Wednesday, 12:30-1:30pm, \$10 for 20 weeks (non-seniors add \$7 for Franklin Adult School ID), instructor: Irma Beserra Núñez

### Yoga/Tai Chi/Line Dance/Salsa

Monday & Wednesday, 1:45-4:45pm, \$30 for 20 weeks (non-seniors add \$7 as above), instructor: Irma Beserra Núñez



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### Maggie Darett-Quiroz, Beautification Chair

Ongoing efforts are occurring to help keep the Glassell Park Swimming Pool open throughout the off-season. A few years ago, the Glassell Park Swimming Pool was converted to an annual pool, due to unexpected

problems and renovations at the Echo Park Pool. But because of recent unplanned budget cuts, Recreation and Parks had decided to change the pool's status to seasonal. Glassell Park residents, including cause leaders: Avidan Ross, Wendy Legacki, and Maggie Darett-Quiroz, are collaborating to keep the pool on its year-round status. One of their many actions is the development of the website:

[www.saveglassellpool.com](http://www.saveglassellpool.com). Here, you can catch up on all that has been occurring, regarding saving the pool.

On July 25, the Save Glassell Pool committee held a community meeting, which drew over one hundred people. Council Member Ed Reyes and CD1 staff attended and showed their support, as well as CD13's and CD14's staff representatives. Recs and Parks' representative, Kevin Regan, listened to the concerns of community members.

Another "Save The Pool" meeting occurred on August 8. Due to the zealous outreach of committee members, over 200 people attended the meeting. It was during this meeting that Council Member Ed Reyes and his staff, along with Recreation and Parks representatives and Alejandra Marroquin from Councilmember Garcetti's office announced that the pool will keep its year round status. Councilmember Eric Garcetti issued a statement on August 9 announcing his collaboration with Councilmember Ed Reyes, to seek funds to keep Glassell Park Pool open.

Community members are ecstatic at the involvement of the Councilmembers and the great turn out of the public; however, cause leaders still plan to educate others on the status of the pool, and to strive to raise money to aid in the upkeep of the pool, with an ultimate goal of putting the Glassell Park Pool back among the budgeted year-round pools (the Mayor's budget). Updates on progress toward these goals are on the website: [www.saveglassellpool.com](http://www.saveglassellpool.com).

-Written by Paulina Darett

### Myrian Magana, Education Chair

Local schools, at all education levels, are making it as easy as possible for students, and former students, to obtain documentation of their education in the U.S. for use in applying for "Deferred Action" consideration.

Among other requirements, each applicant must show valid proof of continued education in the U.S.

If the applicant has attended a higher level school, he or she need only go to that school for full documentation; for example, a high school student or graduate can get all their education records from the high school, they don't need to also go to their middle and elementary schools.

Information about the "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" process is available by calling the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1-800-375-5283; or on their website: [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) where an application form and list of criteria for consideration can also be found.

### Helene Schpak, Land-Use Liaison

Word has it that the Verizon deal to build a monolithic tower to hide their wares and at the same time announce the entry/exit portal to Glassell Park from the 2 freeway is moving forward. This is a case of not being able to see the forest for the faux tree. We had an opportunity to deal thoughtfully and responsibly with the proliferation of WTF's throughout our community but instead traded that for a piece of vanity.

The Glassell Park Farmer's Market is advancing. 15,000 surveys were prepared. With a little more than 15,000 households in GP, that would seem about right. You all received yours? The surveys asked your opinion on location and what day of the week you think would be best. The process is being guided by CD13 and so the market will be within the new CD13 boundaries. Unfortunately, that's not geographically downtown GP any more. But if the selected site is the VDK parking lot let's hope they at least don't choose to hold it on a week night. That would turn the new Fletcher Square into Traffic Jam Squared.

### Paul McDermott, History Chair



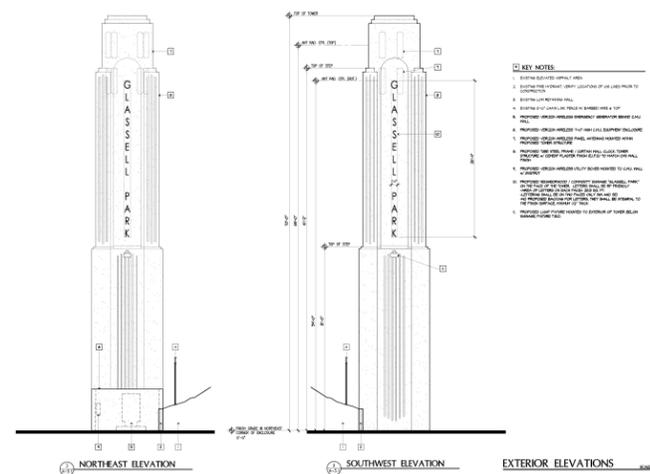
In 1922, Lawrence Frank & brother-in-law Walter Van de Kamp branched out into the restaurant business opening the Tam O'Shanter Inn on Los Feliz Boulevard. They commissioned architect Harry Oliver to design the restaurant in the

Storybook Style and were aided by movie studio carpenters. The "old-world-style" eatery became an instant success: Fatty Arbuckle, Mary Pickford, and Walt Disney lunched there so often that it was dubbed the "Hyperion Studio commissary."

Lawry's The Prime Rib, another restaurant established by the partners opened on La Cienega Blvd. in 1938. It specialized in roast beef served from a large silver cart, Yorkshire pudding, and a "spinning salad" which was theatrically prepared tableside.

Also in 1938, Lawry's began marketing its seasoned salt and many other seasonings bearing the Lawry's name. A spice-packing plant was opened in Cypress Park in 1953. It was an early example of the corporate campus, featuring gardens, Spanish-themed buildings, and a choice of restaurants. A Mexican restaurant offering patio dining was opened there in 1970 and two others, one serving steaks and the other barbeque, soon followed. The Thomas J. Lipton Co., which took over the Lawry's spice operation, closed it in 1992. In 1999, it reopened as the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

### Verizon wireless tower update



The above "community marker" is the latest plan to disguise the Verizon Wireless Tower to be installed in the parking area of Western Mixers at 2910 San Fernando Rd. The design has passed the Sign Pre-Inspection process in the Dept. of Building and Safety, but has not yet been submitted for plan check and building permits.

The proposed structure is a tube steel frame/curtain wall clock tower with cement plaster finish. Community signage "GLASSELL PARK" will appear on the faces of the tower, and the letters will be "integral to the finish surface". In addition, light fixtures mounted on the tower will illuminate the signage from below.

## ADVERTISE in the GPIA NEWS

Advertise your business to over 300 households in Glassell Park! Your ad in the "Glassell Park Improvement Association News" will be targeted to consumers who care about their community and want to patronize and support our local businesses. Many sizes & rates are available--single issue or six consecutive issues, full color or black & white. For example, your black & white, business card-sized ad will run in six consecutive issues for \$125.00. Email us at [gpia90065@gmail.com](mailto:gpia90065@gmail.com) to request a rate sheet.

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## JOIN the GPIA!

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

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

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

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**Upcoming Events**

**September 4**  
 GPNC Executive Committee meeting, 7pm, GP Community Ctr

**September 5**  
 Farmers Market meeting, 6:30pm, GP Community Ctr

**September 13**  
 Deadline to apply to run for a GPNC seat &/or get a vote-by-mail ballot

**September 19**  
 CD14 & Metro SR-710 Community Meeting, 6:30pm, Highland Park Senior Center, 6152 N. Figueroa

**September 22**  
 Community cleanup day, 8am-2pm, see page 5

**October 13**  
 Glassell Park Neighborhood Council election, see page 5

**October 20**  
 GPIA 44th Anniversary dinner

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