

GLASSELL PARK

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

# NEWS



National Night Out, Glassell Park's biggest event of the year, is August 1st. This year it's at Rio de Los Angeles State Park—more room for more fun! (See pg. 7)



There is no  
GPIA  
General  
Membership  
meeting in July.  
Join us, instead,  
at our  
2nd Annual  
“Not-a-Meeting”  
potluck picnic on  
Thursday,  
July 13th,  
at 6pm.  
(info on page 4)



### GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 9/14/17



The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held  
**Thursday, Sept. 14th, 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?

- ✓ **CDI re-elects Councilmember Gil Cedillo**  
Incumbent Councilmember Gil Cedillo easily won reelection to his seat representing City Council District 1 that includes much of Glassell Park. The Glassell Park Field Office is staffed Wednesdays through Fridays during regular business hours by Constituent Services Director Mel Ilomin. Email mel.ilomin@lacity.org or call the office at 323-341-5671.
- ✓ **U.S. Congressional District 34’s new representative**  
Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez was elected to the U.S. Congress as representative for District 34 that includes Glassell Park.
- ✓ **New site shows special interest groups’ donations**  
The state Fair Political Practices Commission has a database that gives Californians information about which elected officials are asking special interest groups to donate to their favorite charities. Go to <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/behested-payments.html>
- ✓ **Special Election for Assembly District 5 I**  
Because Jimmy Gomez will vacate his Assembly seat before his term is finished, the Governor will call a Special Election to choose a new Assemblymember. If a candidate doesn’t achieve a majority of votes in the Special Election, there will be a run-off election between the two candidates who received the highest numbers of votes. The date of the Special Election has not yet been announced.
- ✓ **Target store to open in October**  
Target has confirmed plans to open their Glassell Park store this October.
- ✓ **Free shade trees**  
If you live or own property within the city of Los Angeles, you can receive up to 7 free shade trees. Got to [CityPlants.org](http://CityPlants.org) and click “free trees”.
- ✓ **GPNC has vacancies for new Board members**  
The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council has vacant seats for Board members. Due to recent bylaws changes, the vacancies are mostly for “at-large” seats except for the Area 1 & 6 Representative seats. Info at: [www.glassellparknc.org](http://www.glassellparknc.org)
- ✓ **Transit Triangle on pace to re-open in August**  
Council District 1 has confirmed that work on the Transit Triangle located between San Fernando Road, Eagle Rock Blvd., and Verdugo Road is progressing according to plans, and the hub will re-open in August.
- ✓ **Summer Night Lights 2017**  
Glassell Park’s Recreation Center is participating in Mayor Garcetti’s program with free food, sports and activities Wednesdays through Saturdays from 7-11pm until August 5th. From August 11th to 25th, nights are Fridays & Saturdays only.
- ✓ **West Nile virus is back**  
L.A. County reported its first known case of West Nile virus for 2017. Heavy rains last winter may result in more mosquitoes. Pour out any standing water, check for holes in window screens and wear repellent to avoid contact with mosquitoes.
- ✓ **State Senate okays later school start time**  
State Senator Anthony Portantino’s proposal to mandate California middle and high schools begin no earlier than 8:30am has passed the State Senate.
- ✓ **Sewer project on Verdugo Road & Palmer Drive**  
The Dept. of Public Works will remove, repair and/or rehabilitate sewers along Verdugo Road and Palmer Drive in Glassell Park. For information, call 213-978-0333 or visit [www.san.lacity.org](http://www.san.lacity.org) and select “what we do>clean water>sewers>construction and capital improvement projects”
- ✓ **GPNC supports Gil Cedillo’s motion re: Kinney Street**  
The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council filed a Community Impact Statement in support of Councilmember Cedillo’s motion to find funding to improve Kinney Street from Crestmoore to Barryknoll. The NC also asked for a moratorium on building on Kinney Street until the improvements are completed.



LETTER FROM GPIA PRESIDENT ERIC TALLMAN

The L.A. River winds its way through at least three dozen communities, from the northern L.A. neighborhood of Canoga Park to the city of Long Beach in the south. Glassell Park is located along the banks of the river, and it forms our curving western boundary. How important is the river to our community? Look at these names: The River School, L.A. River Studios, L.A. River Center & Gardens, Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Our river is a source of local identity and pride. It is also the source of intense interest from government agencies and private investors. Plans to revitalize extensive portions of the river include key changes that are occurring here in Glassell Park. The City recently purchased a 41 acre parcel known as G2, that was part of the site known as Taylor Yard, a former center for railroad operations. Adjacent to this parcel, to the northwest, is the G1 parcel, known as Bow Tie Park. It is an 18 acre property owned by the state. These two connected parcels are proposed to combine with the existing Rio de Los Angeles State Park to become a riverfront park that will, together, create an extensive revitalized open space. Private companies also have plans for a section of the river in Glassell Park. At the far northwestern tip of the G1 lot, on the site of warehouse structures, developers are moving forward with plans for the Bow Tie Lofts. This development proposes 419 multi-family residential units and about 64,000 square feet of commercial space. The parking structure will be 7 stories tall—higher than the 2 freeway that runs alongside the property. This project has completed the Initial Study phase of its environmental review and is moving forward towards the Draft EIR phase. Where the water meets the riverbank is where the proposals, planning, discussion, development, power plays, community involvement and money all meet. The GPIA is planning a forum to open up a discussion about the various proposals for our stretch of riverfront property. More information about the river can be found on our website at [www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org). We encourage everyone who lives in our community to educate themselves - via the many websites and organizations that carry river revitalization information – about this vital resource that flows through our backyard.

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

El río de Los Angeles serpentea a través de por lo menos tres docenas de comunidades, desde el norte en Canoga Park hasta la ciudad de Long Beach, en el sur. Glassell Park se encuentra a lo largo de las orillas del río. ¿Qué tan importante es el río para nuestra comunidad? Mire estos nombres: The River School, LA River Studios, LA River Center and Gardens, Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Nuestro río es una fuente de identidad y orgullo local. También es fuente de un intenso interés por parte de agencias gubernamentales e inversionistas privados. Los planes para revitalizar partes extensas del río incluyen cambios claves que están ocurriendo aquí en Glassell Park. La ciudad recientemente compró una parcela de 41 acres conocida como G2, que formaba parte del sitio conocido como Taylor Yard, un antiguo centro de operaciones ferroviarias. Adyacente a esta parcela, al noroeste, se encuentra el paquete G1, conocido como Bow Tie Park. Es una propiedad de 18 acres del estado. Estas dos parcelas conectadas se proponen combinar con el actual Parque Estatal Rio de Los Angeles para convertirse en un parque frente al río que, juntos, creará un amplio espacio abierto revitalizado. Las empresas privadas también tienen planes para una sección del río en Glassell Park. En la punta noroeste del lote G1, en el sitio de estructuras de almacén, los desarrolladores están avanzando con los planes para los Lofts de Pajarita. Este desarrollo propone 419 unidades residenciales multifamiliares y cerca de 64.000 pies cuadrados de espacio comercial. La estructura de estacionamiento será de 7 pisos de altura, superior a la autopista 2 que corre junto a la propiedad. Este proyecto ha completado la fase de estudio inicial de su revisión ambiental y está avanzando hacia la fase preliminar de EIR. Donde el agua se encuentra con la ribera es donde se encuentran las propuestas, la planificación, la discusión, el desarrollo, los juegos de poder, la participación de la comunidad y el dinero. El GPIA está planeando un foro para abrir una discusión sobre las diversas propuestas para nuestro tramo de propiedad frente al río. Más información sobre el río se puede encontrar en nuestro sitio web en [www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org). Animamos a todos los que viven en nuestra comunidad a educarse - a través de los muchos sitios web y organizaciones que llevan la información de revitalización de los ríos - acerca de este recurso vital que fluye a través de nuestro patio trasero.

GPIA holds community potluck dinner at local park

Last year’s “not-a-meeting” potluck dinner that the GPIA held in the parking lot of Public Storage was a tasty, fun event that brought together members and other residents from all over Glassell Park. Aside from being held on hot asphalt, it was a great success. This year, with an eye toward shaded grass, the potluck will be held at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage (or just bring something you like) and a picnic blanket to sit on. The GPIA will provide plates, utensils and beverages. (See the ad on page 4, and find more info at [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org).)



Vision Zero targets Fletcher Drive for safety improvements

The LADoT and CD13 held a community meeting to present ideas and receive feedback on plans to make Fletcher Drive between San Fernando Road and Riverside Drive safer. Fletcher Drive is on the Vision Zero High Injury Network, and safety improvements are already completed from Eagle Rock Boulevard to San Fernando Road in Glassell Park. The LADoT is now focussing on the remainder of Fletcher Drive. There are currently two alternatives: Alternative 1 would put in place a “road diet”, reducing Fletcher to one car lane in each direction plus a center turn lane and bike lanes, and high-visibility “zebra” crosswalks that would continue the configuration of Fletcher Drive in Glassell Park; Alternative 2 would retain two car lanes in each direction while adding a center turn lane by implementing peak hour parking restrictions. It would not include bike lanes. Contact Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell for more information or to express your opinion: [councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org)

Parkway parking illegal, but now enforced

The City Council adopted a new ordinance that would instruct LADOT to enforce existing law that makes it illegal to stop or park a vehicle on the narrow strips of land between the curb and the sidewalk in Los Angeles. Hillside residents, who rarely see sidewalks, won’t be affected; but those residents who have these parkways, will no longer be able to park on them. Residents will still be able to park on their own driveway aprons if their cars fit there without blocking the sidewalk or the street.



Photo LA Times


City Council looking at loosening billboard regulations

In 2009 and 2015, the Planning Commission approved controls that would ban new billboards in about 90% of the city. Under the plan, billboards would be allowed only in designated “sign districts” such as downtown, Koreatown, and Hollywood. The committee also suggested that to put up a new digital billboard, a company would have to remove ten sq. ft. of old signage for each one square foot of new flashing signage. In May, the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Committee tossed the Planning Commission’s fairly strict rules in favor of allowing companies to put up new billboards almost anywhere except residential areas. They also lowered the removal trade-off ratio from 10:1 to close to 2:1. Councilmembers cited leveling “social inequities” saying the poorest neighborhoods are disproportionately cluttered with billboards, and residents should be able to trade several old billboards for one or two flashy new ones. However, communities would have to lobby their councilmember(s) if they wished to reject a new billboard altogether.

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It was so much fun last year, we decided to do it again!



The GPIA “Not-a-Meeting” Community Pot Luck Dinner Thursday, July 13th, 6pm

Bring a dish that represents your heritage to share & a blanket to sit on picnic-style

Rio de Los Angeles State Park  
1900 N. San Fernando Rd  
[www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org)

**Walnut Canyon community meeting**


Walnut Canyon is a sprawling open space located in Glassell Park. It consists of more than 20 acres of hillside grassland filled with California Black Walnut groves and an abundance of diverse wildlife. It’s been a popular destination for hikers, walkers, nature study groups, outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife observers since at least the 1960s.

Hiking trails wind through hills and scenic vista spots, offering perfect places to pause and reflect. The main trail can be accessed at the end of Haverhill, Sundown or Brilliant Drive, as well as two smaller points on Division Street. Walnut Canyon has, in effect, been an unofficial public park for decades. Now a group of community members want to make it official and create Walnut Canyon Park in the heart of Walnut Canyon! They are working diligently to achieve this goal and are involved in ongoing communications with city, county and state officials, as well as non-profit agencies to seek and secure funding to purchase the Walnut Canyon land. This dream, for which the GPIA has worked for many years, could become a reality, especially since Glassell Park was identified as “park poor” in a 2016 park needs assessment study commissioned by the LA County Board of Supervisors... and is now on the radar of city leaders.

The group’s top priority is to secure funding for the land owned by Abode at Glassell Park, a proposed development of 32 large tract homes that would irreversibly destroy this tranquil canyon/open space (168 protected trees will be cut down) and severely degrade the quality of life for hundreds of residents, as well as thousands of commuters for over a year and a half during the extensive excavation and construction phase.

To learn more about the effort to preserve Walnut Canyon as open space in Glassell Park, attend a community meeting hosted by the Friends of Walnut Canyon & Walnut Canyon Community Alliance on July 29th. Information is in their ad on page 9.

**New earthquake fault map includes Glassell Park**



The Raymond fault runs through Glassell Park, under the 2 freeway and Eagle Rock Boulevard, and parallel to York Boulevard. While it’s long been known to experts and a few others, in June, the California Geological Survey issued a revised map that makes the fault’s location known to all. The map extends the fault to the west, adding areas of Glassell Park, Eagle Rock and Highland Park to the fault zone. Scientists say the Raymond fault is a comparatively slow-moving fault so it doesn’t rupture as often as a fast-moving fault like the San Andreas. However, a big earthquake on the Raymond fault could produce catastrophic damage locally.

Current state law generally bans construction of new buildings directly on top of an earthquake fault, and anyone seeking to build a new structure for human occupancy in an earthquake fault zone is required to conduct testing to determine whether they would be building directly on top of a fault.

**Reports from the Senate and County**

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

The summer sizzle in Sacramento hasn’t slowed down the state Senate as we continue to pass legislation important to Angelenos and all Californians.

On June 15, the Senate worked with colleagues in the Assembly to pass a balanced and on-time [2017-18 state budget](#) that accelerates a \$2.8 billion investment in our roads and transportation infrastructure, prioritizes public education, and improves access to health care and childcare.

Earlier in the month, the Senate passed a [package of bills](#) aimed at easing the state’s growing housing crisis. The measures will streamline regulations at the state and local level to speed up housing construction, create new funding for affordable housing and increase access to housing for working Californians.

Protecting the environment and fighting climate change – a priority for Californians – has taken on a new urgency as the United States under a new administration has withdrawn from the [2015 Paris agreement](#).

Nevertheless, California will forge ahead as a world leader in fighting climate change and creating clean-energy jobs. On May 31, the Senate approved [SB 100](#), my bill to set California on a path to 100 percent clean renewable energy by the year 2045.

California is also fighting to protect the residents who have contributed so much to our culture and economy. The California Values Act, SB 54, will prohibit state and local law enforcement officers from enforcing federal immigration law. On June 19, [SB 54](#) received a significant boost with the endorsement of LAPD Chief Charlie Beck. Former U.S. Attorney Eric Holder has also opined that SB 54 fully complies with federal law and the U.S. Constitution.

Both measures, SB 54 and SB 100, are now winding through the Assembly.

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Los Angeles County’s Board of Supervisors District 1 from  
**County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**

Greetings Glassell Park!

School’s out, kids are home and summer is officially in session! However, many of LA County’s youngest residents won’t have the same unforgettable experience this summer: transition-age youth (TAY) between the ages of 18-24 are facing a serious housing crisis that demands our immediate attention.

The recent 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless County showed a 64% increase in homelessness among TAY. Many of these youth were in our foster care system or probation halls and camps. When they exit these systems, they are vulnerable to homelessness due to circumstances often beyond their control. As victims of abuse, neglect, trafficking, or even being thrown out of their homes because they are LGBTQ, these young people need safe and secure housing now.

That’s why our youth need our help to end the possibilities of becoming chronically homeless. Non-profits like First Place for Youth support our TAY to build the skills they need to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and responsible adulthood. They provide housing, guidance and mentoring support to nearly 400 of LA County’s TAY at a critical time in their lives when they are learning to support themselves. First Place supports young people in Northeast Los Angeles.

In addition, last month I called upon the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and LA County Probation to outline the types of housing for TAY, some of which are currently underutilized. If we can examine the funding and the criteria for this housing, and even targeted outreach programs, we can then determine where the barriers exist and where we lack resources, we can open up doors to homes for these kids.

For more information on First Place or referring foster youth, please call, 213-835-2700 or email [info@firstplaceforyouth.org](mailto:info@firstplaceforyouth.org).

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Save the Date!

The GPIA’s 49th Anniversary Celebration is Saturday, October 21st!

This year we will have a “happy hour” event at Mor York Gallery with hot & cold appetizers, beer & wine.

We hope you’ll save the date & join us for our “almost 50th” anniversary. Details in our next issue. or go to [www.gpia.org](http://www.gpia.org)



City Council Districts Reports

<p>Council District 1 report from Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo</p> <p>Dear Friends,</p> <p>I hope you are enjoying your summer and the pool at Glassell Park Recreation Center.</p> <p>The Glassell Park Transit Pavilion project is moving forward with a scheduled completion date of August. The pavilion will include new shade structure, lighting, seating, sidewalks, and more. We hope to see you at the ribbon cutting ceremony.</p> <p>In June, we co-sponsored the Glassell Bark Pet Adoption and Community Event on Verdugo Road that had over 20 resource booths, over 200 people and pets. We even helped 12 dogs get adopted. Later in the month, we supported the GPIA Flash Clean Up on Ave 33 and Division which beautified the corner median.</p> <p>Our ‘Keep It Clean’ campaign keeps moving ahead. With your help reporting areas in need, we cleaned five alleys between Ave. 36/Moss Ave. &amp; Bushwick St./Eagle Rock Blvd. We collected 15 illegally dumped bulky items and filled 10 bags with litter and weeds in Glassell Park.</p> <p>We are preparing our 2017/2018 trash receptacle deployment program with LA Sanitation. If you have a location that would benefit from a trash receptacle, please email Jose Rodriguez at <a href="mailto:jose.a.rodriguez@lacity.org">jose.a.rodriguez@lacity.org</a> by July 15. We will compile a list and submit it for review and program eligibility. You will be notified in 2 months if your suggested location was approved.</p> <p>Remember Summer Night Lights at Glassell Park Recreation Center started June 28 and runs every Wednesday-Saturday from 7pm-11pm through August 5. It includes art activities, resource fairs, health screenings, workshops, and free BBQs.</p> <p>Please contact my office for assistance to keep our district moving forward, making it #1.</p> <p>Sincerely, Gilbert Cedillo Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District</p>	<p>Council District 13 report from Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell</p> <p>Friends:</p> <p>I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to those who attended our second annual Juntos Park Movie Night “Noche Bajo Las Estrellas” on Saturday, June 3rd. My office worked in collaboration with the Northeast Area Los Angeles Police Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA), the Mayor’s Gang Reduction and Youth Development Office, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Padres de Juntos Park, Soledad Enrichment Action, and <a href="#">El Centro Del Pueblo</a> to bring this community event to the families in Glassell Park.</p> <p>More than 400 attendees had the opportunity to learn about City services and resources in their community, and it was great to bring neighbors together in order to increase active use at Juntos Park.</p> <p>My office is working on putting together a number of events for my constituents throughout the 13th Council District this summer and I invite you to join us! Please sign up for my newsletter on <a href="#">cd13.com</a> to stay up to date on events happening in your area.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Hector Vega, my Field Deputy for Glassell Park, at <a href="#">(213) 207-3019</a> or via email at <a href="mailto:hector.vega@lacity.org">hector.vega@lacity.org</a>.</p> <p>I hope to see you there!</p> <p>Warm regards, Mitch O’Farrell Councilmember, 13th District</p>	<p>Council District 14 report from Councilmember José Huizar</p> <p>Hello Glassell Park,</p> <p>I am happy to share that in June the LA City Council approved more than \$86 million in funding for Measure HHH-financed projects to provide housing and facilities for those experiencing homelessness in the City.</p> <p>The recent Homeless Count 20% jump proves that our homeless population is expanding. To make a real dent in this issue, we need to not only increase the supply of Supportive Housing, but we also need to increase the speed at which we supply it.</p> <p>HHH was always intended to prioritize Supportive Housing, and the funding approved is a small but significant step forward in that effort. In all, more than \$73 million was approved to fund nine projects and 615 units, and more than \$12 million was approved to fund six facilities to assist those experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>As summer weather heats up, I would like to remind everyone that City facilities can be utilized as <b>cooling centers</b> to provide relief from the heat. City facilities are always open to the public during regular business hours:</p> <p>Recreation &amp; Parks Facilities Hours of operation for RAP facilities vary by facility. Visit <a href="http://laparks.org">http://laparks.org</a> or call 3-1-1 for specific hours of operation.</p> <p>Library Facilities Hours of operation for libraries vary by facility. Visit <a href="http://www.lapl.org">www.lapl.org</a>/branches or call (213) 228-7000 for specific hours of operation.</p> <p>Lastly, please join my office and the GPIA at the <b>Verdugo Village Flash Clean Up</b> on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM on the corner of Verdugo Road and York Boulevard. There will be a bulky item bin for the community to dispose of bulky items.</p> <p>Sincerely, José Huizar Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District</p>
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**Weeds, Weeds and more Weeds!**  
*by Jim Kiehl*

We had eighteen people on hand for cleaning and weeding in three locations on May 20th. We concentrated on the area between Patra's Burgers and the monument as the weeds were tall and lots of trash was on the ground. I suspect the trash is due in part to the temporary removal of the public trash can at the nearby bus stop. We also worked on many weeds that have grown in the curb and gutter areas.

From 7 to 8am, Janis McCarthy was up at the North Monument doing some weeding, too. This work gives space to what we have planted there and allows our limited water to be used for the plants.



Marge Piane worked with CD 1 to have their clean up team come to the community center after they finished at the Flash Cleanup. Weeds had grown up in the beds around the parking lot. Leaves had piled up in the driveway and were blocking the drain grate. CD 1's clean-up crew along with myself and Carlos Cabrera worked another 45 minutes and got this area under control also.

Thanks to CD 1's, Jose Rodriguez, our District Deputy, and their clean-up crew, along with our volunteer team who helped make all three of these projects go well.



**Flash Cleanup on Division & Avenue 33**  
*by Jim Kiehl*

We were hoping for cloud cover to hold down the temperature on June 17th, but it was already heating up by our 8am start time.

The weeds were thick and the ground was hard. I was not sure we could get to all of them as we started setting up with CD 1's cleaning crew from the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. Then the community started showing up and the attack on the weeds and trash intensified as our numbers grew from six to sixteen. We got to 8:45 and there were still lots of weeds in the ground and more needing bagging. Everyone stayed on for an extra 25 minutes.

In the end, in spite of the heat and the stubbornness of weeds, we got everything cleaned up. A solid result for about 18 hours total volunteer time.

Our next clean-up will be July 22nd at 8am at the Crestmoore Steps next to the Glassell Park Recreation Center. In August our clean-up will include a Bulky Item Round-up.

**Bulky Items Roundups at some Flash Cleanup events** *by Jim Kiehl*

With support for the Flash Cleanups from all three of our City Council Districts and from you, the participants in our clean-ups, we announce the addition of Bulky Item Roundups. As you know bulky items (furniture, appliances, etc.) left on our curbs are an eyesore. You may already know that you can call 311 and request a pick-up of large items that will not go in your trash can. This service is included in your trash bill. You can do the same for items in your neighborhood. Using the MyLA311 app is quick & easy, too.

We have arranged with our field deputies to have bins delivered for select Flash Cleanups in Glassell Park. The Council's cleanup teams will join us on those dates to pick up bulky items in our neighborhoods while our volunteers pick up trash at the cleanup location.


You can help by being a bulky item spotter during the week before an event (see the list below). If you see bulky items in need of disposal, note the address and a general description of the items and let me know via e-mail at [jekiehl@earthlink.net](mailto:jekiehl@earthlink.net). I will give the information to the cleanup teams to help them fill the bin quickly. It takes teamwork to fill a bin in 45 minutes!

The scheduled bulky item roundups are:  
August 19, 2017 - Verdugo Road/York Blvd - CD 14 hosts with CD 13  
October 21, 2017 - San Fernando Road/2 Freeway - CD 1 hosts with CD 13  
February 2018 date TBD - Washington Irving Middle School - CD 13 hosts

**Join the GPIA's Flash Cleanup Team!**

Flash Cleanups are quick and efficient cleanings of specific locations in Glassell Park designed to be completed in 45 minutes. In, Out, Done, Big Difference!

Sign up in advance, or show up on the day. For information, go to [www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org).




**Saturday, July 22, 8am**  
**Crestmoore Steps**

**Sábado, 22 de julio, 8am**  
**Crestmoore Steps**


The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) invites you to help clean up the Crestmoore Steps. The "Flash Cleanup" idea is to give a short time - 45 minutes - that won't get in the way of our busy weekend. We come together, care for our community, trash and go. The more people who show up, the more trash and weeds get cleaned up.

Please join us at the base of the Crestmoore Steps, off Verdugo Road next to the GP Recreation Center. Don't forget to bring your own sun protection, work gloves and water. Thanks to CD 1 for their assistance on this clean-up. We look forward to seeing you there.

[www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org)



The GPIA was instrumental in getting the Crestmoore Steps re-designed. They get a lot of use, as intended, but they also get a lot of trash. The July 22nd cleanup meets on Crestmoore St. off Verdugo Road at 8am.




**Saturday, August 19, 8am**  
**Verdugo Village, Verdugo y York**

**Sábado, 19 de agosto, 8am**  
**Verdugo Village, Verdugo y York**

The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) invites you to help clean up Verdugo Village, Verdugo at York. This event includes a trash bin for collecting bulky items off our curbs.

The "Flash Cleanup" idea is to give a short time - 45 minutes - that won't get in the way of our busy weekend. We come together, care for our community, trash and go. The more people who show up, the more trash and weeds get cleaned up. Don't forget to bring your own sun protection, work gloves and water. Thanks to CD 1 for their assistance on this clean-up. We look forward to seeing you there.

[www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org)



Yes, Verdugo & York is in Glassell Park! The area draws a lot of trash as well as traffic. At this cleanup CD14 will provide a large dumpster and city services to pick up bulky items as well. Cleanup team will meet at 8am.

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**WALNUT CANYON**  
**Peaceful park... or construction chaos?**

Teeming with wildlife and rare, mature California Black Walnut trees, Walnut Canyon is one of the few remaining open spaces in Glassell Park. Its trails spread across more than 20 acres and have been enjoyed by locals, their families & dogs for nature walks and hiking since the 60s. However, ABODE at Glassell Park, a proposed 32 tract home development threatens to completely destroy our precious natural resource, cutting down 168 protected trees and removing vegetation, which support this thriving wildlife corridor. ABODE will also wreak havoc on our peaceful community during the aggressive excavation and construction phases, creating a traffic nightmare on Scandia Way, Avenues 40 & 42, Division St. & Cazador with 132 haul truck trips & 124 additional vehicle trips per day for over 1½ years.

Our goal is stop this project and secure the necessary funds to purchase the land... and finally turn Walnut Canyon into a protected park for everyone to enjoy!

YOUR VOICE matters now more than ever! Come to our community meeting to learn more & show your support. We will share your concerns and park ideas with city, county, state and elected officials who can help us make a difference.

More information at: [www.GPIA.org](http://www.GPIA.org)  
RSVP: [protectwalnutcanyon@gmail.com](mailto:protectwalnutcanyon@gmail.com)



**Walnut Canyon Community Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 29th 2017**  
10am to Noon  
Glassell Park Community Center  
3750 Verdugo Rd., L.A. 90065

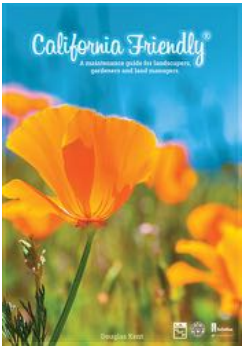
Coffee, pastries & bagels will be served

Hosted By:  
Friends of Walnut Canyon &  
Walnut Canyon Community Alliance



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**Free Drought Gardening Book**



The LADWP, MWDSC & So Cal Gas are giving away "California Friendly" a practical, easy-to-follow book of tips that will help Southern Californians create gardens that will use less water and thrive. The book is available as a PDF for download or in print.

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Night Under the Stars in Juntos Park  
by Robert Campagna

Thanks to the Northeast consortium that brought together over a dozen community partners, including the GPIA, to make the 2nd annual Night under the Stars Movie Night at Juntos Park a great success. Attended by over 600 residents of Glassell Park and adjacent areas, the food was tasty, the live music was bumping, and the groups were sharing information and resources. Big thanks to Hector Vega from CD 13 for coordinating the event.

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell also came for the second year in a row.

Northeast LAPD was present with Captain Arturo Sandoval and SLO Luis Reyes in attendance. We look forward to continuing this annual tradition that makes use of the underutilized neighborhood park. Thanks again to FilmLA for allowing *Moana* to be shown for our event.

L.A. River Recreation Zone is open for summer fun

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has opened the Elysian Valley L.A. River Recreation Zone for its fifth season. Hours are sunrise to sunset except during and after inclement weather or other adverse conditions. "Through a collaboration with our partners on the local and federal level, we have created an annual tradition to bring more people to the Los Angeles River," said Councilmember O'Farrell whose CD13 includes the Glendale Narrows section of the L.A. River. Go to [www.lariverrecreation.org](http://www.lariverrecreation.org) for information.

Juntos Park's pricey splash pad delayed

The \$400,000 grant for the Juntos Park children's splash pad renovation has been postponed from summer until later this fall. Although it is unclear how this project began—neither the GPIA nor the GPNC were involved—it is certain that if the large sum that was allocated for this project is not used it will be lost. The play system will retain water as much as possible modeling after similar devices like the one at Rio de Los Angeles State Park.

Splash Pad at Rio de Los Angeles State Park now open

The Splash Pad at Rio de Los Angeles State Park had a delayed opening for the season and was in high demand as soon as school ended. Through the diligence of the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and park manager Ramon Bernal, the water feature opened just in time to cool off hot kids—and some parents. Open daily from 10am-7pm.



Just in time for Summer heat, improvements at GP Rec Center

The Glassell Park Recreation Center has installed three water fountains that include dog watering stations and six new shaded dugouts for the Recreation Center's three baseball diamonds.



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JOIN the GPIA!

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

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

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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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**Upcoming Events**

**July 2**  
8th Annual Concerts in the Park & Fireworks show, Eagle Rock Park, 1100 Eagle Vista Dr., concert at 5pm, fireworks at sunset

**July 13**  
GPIA PotLuck dinner, Rio de Los Angeles State Park, 1900 N. San Fernando Road, 6-9pm, see pg 4

**July 22**  
Flash Cleanup! Crestmoore Steps, 8-8:45am, see page 8

**July 29**  
Walnut Canyon meeting, 10am-12noon, see pgs 4 & 9

**August 1**  
National Night Out, Rio de Los Angeles State Park, 5:30-9pm, see page 7

**August 19**  
Flash Cleanup! and Bulky Item Roundup, Verdugo Village, York & Verdugo Road, 8-8:45am, see page 8

*Save the Date!*  
*GPIA Anniversary  
celebration is  
October 21st  
see page 5*

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