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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

NEWS



Photo by Brian Frobisher

The GPIA dedicated a monument and plaque celebrating our Anniversary Tree's 50th birthday and the GPIA's long-time commitment to Glassell Park. See page 4.

Come to the
November 14th
meeting and choose
your **2020 board**.



Then let's set our
priorities for 2020

Bring your concerns,
ideas and energy to lay
out our work for next
year!

Join a committee
like

Slow Down

or the

Dog Park

exploratory team!

Let's talk!

(We'll provide the pizza!)

★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11/14/19 ★

The next GPIA General
Membership meeting will be held

Thursday, Nov. 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?

✓ **There's still time to be on the 2020 GPIA Board**

At the GPIA's November meeting, the election committee will present a slate of candidates willing to serve on the Board for 2020, but anyone is eligible to self-nominate at the meeting. Voting will take place at the start of the meeting.

✓ **March 3, 2020 election includes CD14 seat**

Glassell Park will elect a new City Councilmember to represent our residents who are in CD14 as part of the March 3rd Presidential Primary election. The GPIA will host another of its very successful candidates debates in February 2020.

✓ **Statewide rent control to become law in 2020**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB1482, a law that will cap annual rent increases at 5% per year plus inflation. The law also increases the number of rent controlled units by exempting only apartments and other multi-unit buildings that are built within the prior 15 years. It also requires landlords to have "just cause" for evictions. Glassell Park's Assemblywoman Wendy Carrillo co-authored the law.

✓ **Same-day voter registration available at polling sites**

Starting next year, California voters will be able to register—or change their registration—anywhere ballots are cast. In Los Angeles, elections will be conducted at "vote centers" where ballots for all precincts will be available at each polling site. Most of the newly registered voters will be required to use a provisional ballot so their eligibility can be verified before their vote is counted.

✓ **LAPD & LAPL partner for NELA children "Read Along"**

The LAPD's "Read Along" is designed to promote literacy and allow children to interact with police officers. Three L.A. Public Library branches in NELA are participating: Eagle Rock—Mondays 3-3:30pm; Arroyo Seco—Tuesdays 3-3:30pm; Cypress Park—Wednesdays 3-3:30pm. Go to lapl.org for addresses.

✓ **Small lot development at former church on Fletcher**

A developer plans to build 38 homes at the northeast end of Fletcher Street, between Roderick Road and the 2 Freeway. The property has been empty since the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints burned in 2015. The GPNC's Planning and Land Use Committee requested—and received—a few alterations of the plans, including reducing the number and placement of the homes, before approving the plans. In addition, the builder met with residents of Roderick Road in order to address their concerns about the project.

✓ **City Controller Ron Galperin offers city services map**

Go to <https://lacontroller.org/data-stories-and-maps/get-ready-la/> to find a map and information for disaster preparedness and City disaster responders.

✓ **Interactive map of native lands**

Go to Native-Land.ca and type in an address to find what indigenous nations once lived in that area. Glassell Park, of course, was Tongva land. The group behind the interactive map calls it a work in progress that benefits from community input.

✓ **Jobs available with US Census Bureau**

The US Census Bureau is hiring temporary workers. An application is available online at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>

"Ask Your Neighborhood Prosecutor"

Send your question for Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor to gpiNews90065@gmail.com. Gabrielle's column appears on page 6, and her contact information for community legal issues is on page 11.



LETTER FROM GPIA PRESIDENT RICK BOLTON

Greetings, gentle reader.

November brings new GPIA board elections, and the end of my term. (I am prevented by term limits to run this time around.) My two years as President of the GPIA have been really exciting — we've done so much together. The SLOW DOWN campaign, National Night Out, the defense of Walnut Canyon, all kinds of community meetings and street cleanups, the new GPIA "Glassell Rock" marker on Eagle Rock Boulevard... plus the speed bumps on Division Street. (A personal favorite of mine.)

And, of course, the GPIA celebrated its 50th (now 51st) year of continued work in the community. Generations (literally) of neighborhood activists have met, collaborated and succeeded under the banner of the GPIA. It is a remarkable story.

As we contend with the future — with issues of affordable housing, homelessness and climate change, to name only the biggest issues — what role will the GPIA play in enhancing the quality of life for Glassell Park residences and businesses? That depends entirely on who steps up to join the GPIA!

The GPIA needs members. It needs leaders. It needs people with ideas, energy, enthusiasm and sass. If you have one or two (or more!) of these traits, you need to sign up! If we have learned anything these last couple of years, it is that local politics — at the municipal level as well as the state — still provides enormous opportunities to create positive change. And we need positive change, as I'm sure you realize, dear reader.

All the best,
Rick

Follow us on:



Safe parking for homeless persons at Community & Senior Center lot

by Jose Rodriguez, Deputy District Director, CD1

Tackling our City's homeless crisis is a priority for Councilmember Cedillo by exceeding the City Council's pledge by each Councilmember to build 222 units of permanent supportive housing. As of today, CD1 has built 679 units, 457 over the goal in addition to the 810 existing permanent supportive housing units being second to the top leading 13 other districts in this effort.

Understanding it takes years to build housing and the thousands of apartment units needed to house every person experiencing homelessness, with the support of the Glassell Park Seniors Club, Glassell Park Improvement Association, and the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, on April 15, 2019 Councilmember Cedillo opened a Safe Parking Program at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center that offers a safe place for people living in their vehicles to sleep at night.

The CD1 Safe Parking Program has onsite security, operates daily 7pm to 7am by appointment only after screening, has a capacity for 20 vehicles however since opening we only average 11 vehicles nightly, and all participants are connected to case managers for services and care. Three nights a week a meal is provided and table meal conversation with a social worker to help with motivation and goal setting.

Our Glassell Park and Westlake Safe Parking Programs sites are making a difference largely because the local community is involved and supports helping people experiencing homelessness and we believe this is why we have not had any problems at our locations.

If you want to help or get more information, please contact Jose Rodriguez at jose.a.rodriguez@lacity.org

The GPIA has gone to the dogs! (Two pup-related campaigns in the works)



The first campaign will work to address the dog poop problem in our neighborhoods. This problem has been ongoing and some neighbors have even taken things into their own hands with homemade signs to ask people to pickup after their dogs. Others place bag dispensers for free use. The Glassell Park campaign draws inspiration from its award-winning Glassell Parkémon cleanup project from a few years back, and is working with a local graphic designer to create materials, including yard signs with attached poop bag container. GPIA members will be encouraged to adopt a sign and maintain the container. The GPIA will also work with our three Council Districts and LA Sanitation to identify locations for more public trash cans. In residential areas, where city bins would be a challenge, the GPIA is working on a pilot program that will provide a unique and creative solution for proper waste disposal.

At their October meeting, the board approved the formation of a dog park exploratory committee. The board considered a plan of action to identify potential locations in the area for a Glassell Park dog park, as well as an outreach and stakeholder engagement plan. The goal is to work with our Glassell Park stakeholders and neighborhood partners on what could be a tremendous community improvement project. If you would like to review the plan or join the committee, please email us at gp.90065@gmail.com.

Councilmember Cedillo backs housing at Bowtie adjacent parcel now called "Casitas Lofts"

Councilmember Gil Cedillo issued a press release after an LA Times article intimated that he might consider a sewage treatment plant if the community opposed the mega-development proposed for the property on the LA River at the entrance to Bowtie State Park. The Councilmember cited homelessness as the reason to approve this development, while denying the "sewage" statement and saying the project does not include enough affordable units. The GPIA was the first community group to oppose the development.

Huge development on San Fernando Road at the 2 Freeway gets past first city hurdle

The Los Angeles City Planning Commissioners approved the project planned for 2900 San Fernando Road that the GPIA opposed. The development puts 370 housing units with 597 parking spaces at the intersection of the 2 Freeway and San Fernando Road, just one block from the intersection of Fletcher Drive and San Fernando Road. These two intersections are as congested as any in the city, but the developer's traffic study claimed there will be no impact on traffic in the area.

Not only is the development not intended as affordable housing (only 31 of the units are deemed "affordable"), it will be situated on property that allows for just one driveway in and out. To mitigate the traffic impact, the developer agreed that all exiting cars would be encouraged (but not required) to turn right, but the freeway onramps are to the left. Drivers not planning a trip toward downtown, will either make a left turn anyway or look for the first opportunity to make a u-turn on San Fernando Road.

The city's approval of so many units without consideration of the impact on already unsafe and overtaxed roadways, does not bode well for the future of our community.



Dedication celebration for GPIA's new monument, plaque & adopted median landscaping



GPIA President Rick Bolton receives Assembly Resolution honoring GPIA from Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo

On Saturday, October 19th, the GPIA welcomed Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, Dept. of Public Works Board President Kevin James, and our Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to the dedication of our commemorative plaque and monument in the Eagle Rock Boulevard median we adopted. Past GPIA Presidents Jim Kiehl, Eric Tallman, Maggie Daret-Quiroz, Alisa Smith and, of course, Mitch O'Farrell (on double-duty) joined us in the Rite Aid parking lot.

After remarks by current President Rick Bolton, Assemblymember Carrillo presented the GPIA with a beautiful, framed "Assembly Resolution" that will hang opposite our office in the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center.

With the support and assistance of our LAPD SLO Fernando Ochoa, we all crossed the street to admire the plaque and then assembled for photos at the monument. President Kevin James told the assembled group that applications to adopt medians are among his favorite agenda items, and encouraged the GPIA to keep up their work in the community.



Monument Committee members Jim Kiehl, Helene Schpak, Marge Piane, Suzie Wilkinson & Janis McCarthy stand behind Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, Dept. of Public Works Board President Kevin James and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell



GPIA members and representatives pause to admire the new plaque on their way to view the monument.



Helene Schpak, Brian Frobisher and Mitch O'Farrell reading the plaque.

Photos by Brian Frobisher and Marge Piane

Anniversary dinner marks the start of GPIA's next 50 years



On the same Saturday evening as the dedication event, GPIA members met at Ivanhoe restaurant to celebrate our 51st anniversary and the official close of our 50th anniversary events.

Over 30 members took advantage of Ivanhoe's Happy Hour menu, using their free drink vouchers and mingling at the bar to talk and watch the ball game.

Many members expressed the hope that 2020's anniversary dinner can be held at a restaurant that is actually in Glassell Park.

New monument & plaque installed on GPIA'S Eagle Rock Boulevard median

The GPIA's anniversary year plans included establishing a monument marking our long-time work in the community. In order for all the pieces to come together, the Anniversary Committee drew up plans to adopt the median on Eagle Rock Boulevard between Avenues 40 & 41. After months of meetings, plan revisions, and two hearings, the GPIA received permission to landscape both ends of the median and install both an engraved boulder and a commemorative plaque. All the elements came together in time for the GPIA to host a dedication on our 51st anniversary, October 19, 2019. Thank you to RTC Engraving and Saxton Bronze for their fine work.



Reports from the U.S. and State Capitols

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

As 2019 winds down, House Democrats continue to pass legislation to help working families while also holding President Trump accountable to the American people.

I recently introduced the Enhanced Access to SNAP (EATS) Act. Co-sponsored by 48 members of Congress, the EATS Act expands SNAP benefits to college students so they can focus more on their academic success and less on where they'll find their next meal.

I also introduced the Transit to Trails Act with Senator Cory Booker to reduce the barriers low-income communities face when accessing our country's public lands, neighborhood parks, and playgrounds. Once this bill is signed into law it will ensure everyone – regardless of zip code or income – can connect with and enjoy nature.

As part of our commitment to serve our constituents by listening to their concerns, House Democrats are also passing bills to lower prescription drug costs, secure a living wage for America's workforce, and protect the integrity of our elections.

Serving as a check on this administration is one of our most critical responsibilities as members of Congress. But make no mistake: Our impeachment inquiry hasn't slowed House Democrats down in our mission to ensure our government works for everyone, not just a privileged few. As the second half of this legislative session begins, be on the lookout for more legislation to help working families in Los Angeles and across the country.

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California Senate District 24 report from **State Senator Maria Elena Durazo**

We did it! We completed the first year of the 2019-2020 legislative session and we were able to accomplish much of what we set out to do. Six of our bills were signed into law that will expand the Dream Loan Program, allow undocumented immigrants to serve on boards and commissions, extend the time limit to apply for compensation from the California Victim Compensation Board and prohibits bias in child custody determinations. For a complete description of our legislation that was signed into law, visit our website at <https://sd24.senate.ca.gov/>.

To learn more about the work our office does, we will be hosting an Open House in November. Stop by and chat with me and my staff while enjoy an art exhibit in partnership with Avenue 50 Studio. You can also support local at-risk youth this holiday season by bringing an unwrapped toy for our first Holiday Toy Drive. The entire community is invited to our Open House Art Reception and Toy Drive on November 20 at our district office, located at 1808 W. Sunset Blvd., starting at 5:30 p.m.

Make sure to stay connected with our office by following my Senate social media accounts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). I will continue to work with our communities to help improve the lives of our working families.

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

Dear Neighbors,
November and December marks the start of the holiday season, celebrating the spirit of gratitude. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for all your support. I'm excited to share our legislative and budget wins securing \$50million for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program which helps ensure our after school programs stay open, helping working parents and students alike. We are very proud to have also secured \$500,000 to create a conceptual plan for a potential park at the Bowtie Parcel in Glassell Park. Additionally, eight of my bills were signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, addressing education, consumer & workforce protections, clean air efficiency and mental health concerns.

My team and I continue to engage with constituents throughout our district to come together and find solutions. I also want to congratulate the Glassell Park Improvement Association on its GPIA Monument and commemorative plaque dedication. I was honored to attend and participate in this wonderful community event.

It is a privilege to serve the 51st Assembly District, and I look forward to continuing to work together to improve our community and our state. It is always a pleasure to provide legislative updates to all of you. I look forward to collaborating more with the Glassell Park Improvement Association to build an even stronger prosperous community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach our Glassell Park representative, Aldo Ramirez, at Aldo.Ramirez@asm.ca.gov.

In service,
Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember, 51st District

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Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor talks about Mail Theft

'Tis the season for mail theft, porch pirates, and disappearing packages. As we gear up for the holidays, many of us will be decorating our homes and ordering gifts online. As our volume of packages rises so do our incidents of mail theft and unfortunately, porch pirates are more brazen than ever. Mail theft is also a fast track to identity theft as well.

Fortunately, you can prevent or thwart many thefts by using technology like tracking numbers and delivery notifications. Better yet reach family members, friends, or trusted neighbors to accept packages on your behalf. Install a smart security camera at your front door and activate motion notifications. Invest in a heavy duty keyed parcel box mailbox secured properly to the ground or wall. Request a signature on package deliveries. Utilize package locker services like Amazon Locker or UPS Access Point.

If you still find yourself victimized it is important you report the theft to both LAPD (1-877-ASK-LAPD) and the Postal Inspector (1-877-876-2455). You can also file an electronic police report for mail theft online at LAPDonline.org. Mail theft is not just a federal crime but violates state law as well (i.e., PC484 theft, PC530.5(c)(1) Unauthorized possession of ID information, PC530.5 Injury to mailbox). You should also file a claim with the shipper as well.

It is important that these incidents are reported to the authorities. Perpetrators often hit the same neighborhood repeatedly thus may be easily identified. In the meantime, reach out to your neighbors and utilize technology to stop porch pirates from ruining your holiday season.

Supervisor and Mayor reports

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors from First District
County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

We know that low-income communities and communities of color are suffering the most severe impacts from a changing climate, and it is our youth who will bear the full impact of the climate crisis.

More than two million LA County residents are youth under the age of 18, and they are mobilizing, organizing, and rising up to demand that policymakers act now on climate change.

That's why I am pleased that the Board of Supervisors recently unanimously approved my motion to begin the process to establish a Los Angeles County Youth Climate Commission.

With our commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, membership in the County Climate Coalition, and our recent adoption of an ambitious regional sustainability plan, Los Angeles County is a regional, national, and international force for positive change to protect our environment.

A diverse Youth Climate Commission creates an historic opportunity for LA County youth to lead and shape our efforts to improve health outcomes, foster economic vitality through clean energy jobs, and put a stop to the evolving climate crisis.

Our youth are an eternal source of hope and motivation. It is through their leadership that we can ensure a healthier, greener world for all.

To stay updated with everything happening in the First District, follow me on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram at [@hildasolis](https://twitter.com/hildasolis).

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Report from the
Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Mayor Garcetti continues to make strides to address the existential threat of climate change.

In September, the Mayor convened the inaugural meeting of the Mayor's Youth Council for Climate Action. The council members — 16 Angelenos between the ages of 16 and 22— laid out their plans and objectives for the year ahead to help influence decisions and raise awareness around climate action, encourage more young people to get involved, and eventually kick off a coordinated campaign with the Mayor's Office to address climate change.

In October, Mayor Eric Garcetti was elected Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, an international network of the world's largest cities committed to concrete action to combat climate change. The announcement came on the first day of the C40 World Mayors Summit, where the group of more than 90 mayors formally declared a Global Climate Emergency and announced their support for a Global Green New Deal.

At the Port of Los Angeles, Mayor Garcetti unveiled state-of-the-art, zero-emission port equipment and showcased the world's first all-electric top-handlers — one of 16 Port projects deploying or testing zero-emission technologies. Mayor Eric Garcetti also appointed Rachel Malarich as City Forest Officer — a new post created to oversee the growth of Los Angeles' urban forest and help the City reach its goal to plant 90,000 trees by 2021.

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City Council Districts Reports

Council District 1 report from
Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo

Governor Newsom signed AB 1482 (assembly bill) to implement "no fault" eviction legislation providing tenants additional safeguards from illegal evictions. In response to landlords raising rents by exuberant amounts before January to force tenants into hardship and eviction council member Cedillo will introduce a motion to make the ordinance retroactive to date of signing which would protect tenants today.

Street Vending enforcement will start January 1 of this coming year. Our office will be hosting a series of educational workshops leading up to January. The purpose is to help facilitate communication in regards to the permitting process with all corresponding departments.

Our Safe Parking Program continues to help people living in their vehicles by providing a safe overnight sleeping space with case management services. We appreciate the ongoing support from the GPIA and GPNC to offer help to people experiencing homelessness.

Kind regards,
Councilmember Gil Cedillo

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Council District 13 report from
Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

Friends:
For years, I've had the privilege of providing readers of GPIA News with the latest updates on key legislation introduced in Council, as well as neighborhood events happening throughout the 13th District.

On Saturday, October 19th, we celebrated the dedication of a neighborhood monument and plaque, which you'll notice during your travels along Eagle Rock Boulevard and Verdugo Road. I want to thank the Glassell Park Improvement Association for organizing the event, as well as Assemblywoman Wendy Carrillo and Public Works President Kevin James for joining neighbors for the occasion.

For over 50 years, GPIA has been committed to community service through neighborhood clean-ups, town hall meetings, beautification projects, and so much more. It has been a pleasure for my office to partner with residents on several of these key initiatives. We've done a lot of great work together in Glassell Park and there is still more to come!

I look forward to what the new year has in store for this historic community, including the upcoming construction of the Verdugo Median which we will be working on in partnership with Council District 14.

My office is always here to serve the Glassell Park community!

Happy Holidays, and here's to a productive new year!

Kind regards,
MITCH O'FARRELL

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Council District 14 report from
Councilmember José Huizar

Hello Glassell Park,
Homelessness remains a top priority, currently we are working with various governing entities to address the current homeless crisis. The CARE program, or the Cleaning and Rapid Engagement, is a consistent team assigned to every Council District. Their makeup includes Sanitation and LAHSA workers, in attempts to house the homeless, instead of moving the homeless around. We currently know where the chronic locations are, and we are looking to get them serviced immediately.

CD14 Clean Communities Crew, the Fuego Tech Rangers, continue to be hard at work taking care of community cleanup projects throughout Northeast LA. If you know of a public area that needs attention, please contact the Northeast Office.

Lastly, I invite you to join CD14 honoring our Northeast LA Veterans in our 14th annual Veterans Parade, on Sunday November 3rd. Ceremony begins at 11am at Eagle Rock City Hall. Come join us as we show our appreciation to our Veteran neighbors that risked their lives to keep our great country safe.

Sincerely,
Councilmember José Huizar

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GPIA's September meeting inspired large turnout



At least 60 community members gathered for the GPIA's September 12th meeting that brought together a knowledgeable panel of representatives to discuss the future of Eagle Rock Boulevard in Glassell Park.

The Council Districts sent their Field Deputies—Elsy Hernandez (CD1), Hector Vega (CD13) and Lucy Aparicio (CD14).

In addition, CD14's Planning Deputies Shawn Kuk and Shaylee Papadakis; LADOT's Joan Hsu & Brian Gallagher; Bureau of Street Services' Kevin Minne, Hector Banuelos & Craig Shaw and Assembly District 51's Aldo Ramirez all shared a wealth of information and their email addresses (posted on the GPIA's website) for followups.



Photos by Helene Schpak

Friends of Walnut Canyon committee

by Eric Tallman

Walnut Canyon is a sprawling open space located in the Glassell Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. It consists of approximately 15 undeveloped acres of hillside grassland, California black walnut tree groves and other flora. The canyon is a popular destination for people seeking outdoor recreation. It is used by hikers, walkers, nature lovers, bird watchers, wildlife observers and outdoor enthusiasts. Kids and adults of all ages and backgrounds can study and experience the diversity of nature when walking through this canyon. It is vital habitat for a variety of wildlife such as coyotes, foxes, bobcats, skunks, raccoons, opossums, owls and migratory birds. It serves as a wildlife corridor to other undeveloped open space in northeast Los Angeles. The main entrances to the canyon are located at the ends of Haverhill Dr. and Brilliant Dr. where the pavement ends.

The history of our community's involvement in preserving Walnut Canyon is a rich one. In November of 2002 local residents formed a group called Friends To Preserve Walnut Canyon with a goal of making Walnut Canyon a permanent and integral part of Glassell Park. They held the first informational walk through Walnut Canyon with several political representatives and scores of local residents.

The faces have evolved over the years but the goal remains unchanged. The Friends Of Walnut Canyon committee formed within the GPIA in early 2017 to continue the work of seeking funding to preserve Walnut Canyon. These efforts at preservation have resulted in productive conversations with city, county and state officials, and with public funding agencies. We are dedicated to preserving Walnut Canyon as public parkland for all communities to enjoy and treasure.

If you would like more information about Walnut Canyon, please email friendsofwalnutcanyon@gmail.com.

Community services for homeless neighbors

CARE, the City of Los Angeles's new "Cleaning and Rapid Engagement" homeless persons service unit, provides sanitation and outreach services under a partnership of LA Dept. of Sanitation and LA Homeless Services Authority. There are 17 regular CARE teams: one for each of the city's 15 Council Districts, one that operates citywide, and one dedicated to the LA River. In addition, 13 CARE+ teams operate in "A Bridge Home" areas, focussed service zones and encampments requiring comprehensive cleanups. The 257 team members will work across Los Angeles daily, deploying waste receptacles and regular cleaning services to high density encampments; delivering mobile hygiene services including toilets and showers; and providing outreach to encampment residents. For more information, go to www.LACitySan.org or call the 24-hour Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489.

Which way, GPIA?

First we'll elect our 2020 Board of Directors. then we'll set our priorities for next year's work in our community.

There will be pizza!

November 14th at 7:00pm
Glassell Park
Community & Senior Center

Uptown
Gay & Lesbian
Alliance

"In Northeast
Los Angeles
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September Flash Cleanup!

by Jim Kiehl



September 21st we worked on the area on Verdugo Road under the freeway and adjacent areas. We also worked around the intersection of Eagle Rock Boulevard and Avenue 40. With the help of posting on the FOLAR (Friends of the Los Angeles River) website, CD14's weekly blog, Nextdoor and the GPIA e-mail list we had a total of 22 people show up for the cleanup. There was a group of accounting students from Cal State

LA, Milton Castro from Bell Gardens, and a father/son team from Eagle Rock who joined us.

CD 13's Hector Vega got his Saturday clean team to drop by after the event to pick up the many trash bags we filled. We cleaned out four storm drains in the process so less trash and debris goes to the LA River and on to the ocean.

Thanks to CD 13 and CD 14 for their help. Further thanks to the Friends of the LA River for their posting of our cleanup. This was how we got help from the students and Milton of Bell Gardens. Finally, thanks to our many regular volunteers from Glassell Park.

October Flash Cleanup!

by Jim Kiehl



October 19th was a nice autumn morning for a clean-up. The FOLAR web site continues to bring us help. This time we got four students from UCLA's Biology studies department to come and join us. CD 1 sent their clean team with a team leader and crew of five. We worked extensively on trash on San Fernando Road under

the 2 Freeway and the adjacent ramps.

Additionally, we had a second crew working on the North Monument doing pruning and assessing the plants for the November clean-up and planting event. Thanks to Janis McCarthy, Suzie and Mike Wilkinson with watering assistance from Joan Potter. In total we had 17 volunteers between the 2 locations and got a lot of community maintenance done today.



Photos by Jim Kiehl

One coyote can sound like a pack

Coyotes are also known as the "song dog", and make eleven distinctive vocalizations: growl, huff, woof, bark, bark-howl, whine, woo-oo-wow, yelp, lone howl, group howl, and group yip-howl.

What may sound like eight or more coyotes could only be one or two sending out a greeting, or calling to young, and not celebrating a kill as many believe.



2019 GPIA FLASH CLEANUP!

The LAST Flash Cleanup of the year!

November 16
North Glassell Park Monument
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Eagle Rock Blvd at Lincoln Av
(near York)

(No Flash Cleanup in December)

STUDENTS!

Earn community service hours at
Flash Cleanups!
Go to: www.gpia.org to sign up
or for more information.

Wirelettuce by Susan Streaser



Photo by Susan Streaser

Have you seen this weedy-looking plant? Wirelettuce is a common native plant of dry places in California. A member of the Sunflower family, it is a group of similar looking species in the genus *Stephanomeria*. It grows as an upright central stem with a rosette of leaves encircling the base. The numerous branches are covered with microscopic hairs that are sticky to touch. Small flowers form at intervals along the branches, and range in color from white to pale pink to bluish-violet (but every plant only shows one color). Each petal has five small points at the end. The flowers occur in bunches with buds and seeds, which resemble little white fur balls.

You may see Wirelettuce as a single or few plants, or as a dense forest on our Glassell Park hillsides. Plant height varies from two to fifteen feet. Flowering lasts from September into December in some locations, making Wirelettuce an important late season food source for pollinators, such as flies, beetles, butterflies and honeybees.

You Can Make A Difference

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center, 3750 N. Verdugo Road, at 7:00pm. Buffet dinner is served & everyone is welcome to join us!

All Glassell Park stakeholders are eligible to join any of our committees: Budget & Finance / Grants & Funding / Planning & Land Use / Outreach & Communications / Education / Public Arts / Bylaws.

Go to our website to find events, agendas, minutes and a calendar of upcoming meetings.

To learn more:
www.glassellparknc.org
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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>

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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!

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.**

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Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor
 213-978-7878 or email gabrielle.taylor@lacity.org
Senior Lead Officers Luis Reyes
 213-793-0758 or email 33184@lapd.online
Fernando Ochoa
 213-793-0759 or email 25743@lapd.online

Join the Flash Cleanup team! Go to www.gpia.org or email Jim Kiehl at jekiehl@earthlink.net



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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual membership (\$20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Business membership (\$25) (includes one free 2x3.5" ad) | <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+) (\$15) | | <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>2019 GPIA Board Members</p> <p>President Rick Bolton</p> <p>Vice President Donald Nollar</p> <p>Treasurer Nancy Cortes</p> <p>Secretary Melinda Martinez</p> <p>Improvement Chair John H. Wong</p> <p>Area Representatives Helene Schpak Marcie Rose Fatima Guzman</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Marge Piane</p> <p>Friends of Walnut Canyon Chair Eric Tallman</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>November 3 Daylight Saving Time ends GPIA General Membership</td> <td>November 11 Veterans Day</td> <td>November 14 GPIA General Membership meeting, 7pm, see cover & page 9</td> <td>November 16 <i>Flash Cleanup!</i> North Monument (Eagle Rock Blvd. at Lincoln), 8am, see page 9</td> <td>November 19 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 10</td> <td>November 21 PLUC meeting, 7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 28 Thanksgiving Day</td> <td>December 11 GPIA Board meeting, 7pm</td> <td>December 17 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 10</td> <td>December 23 Hanukkah begins</td> <td>December 25 Christmas</td> <td>December 26 Kwanzaa begins</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>December 31 New Year's Eve</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">All meetings and events are at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center 3750 N. Verdugo Road unless otherwise noted.</p>	November 3 Daylight Saving Time ends GPIA General Membership	November 11 Veterans Day	November 14 GPIA General Membership meeting, 7pm, see cover & page 9	November 16 <i>Flash Cleanup!</i> North Monument (Eagle Rock Blvd. at Lincoln), 8am, see page 9	November 19 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 10	November 21 PLUC meeting, 7pm	November 28 Thanksgiving Day	December 11 GPIA Board meeting, 7pm	December 17 GPNC Board meeting, 7pm, see page 10	December 23 Hanukkah begins	December 25 Christmas	December 26 Kwanzaa begins		December 31 New Year's Eve				
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