



NEWS



NOVEMBER TO DO LIST:

- Meet** (and mingle)
- Talk** (suggestions?)
- Vote** (Board & Bylaws)
- Eat!** (there will be food)
- Plan** (ideas for 2019)

The GPIA never stops!

The GPIA meets on Thursday, **November 8th**, at 7pm.

At this meeting, members will **elect** our **2019 Board of Directors** and **vote** on adopting revised **bylaws**

see page 3 for more information



★ GPIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11/8/18 ★

The next GPIA General Membership meeting will be held **Thursday, Nov. 8th, 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.

YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018



LETTER FROM GPIA PRESIDENT RICK BOLTON

If you weren't there, you missed all the fun. The GPIA's 50th Anniversary Party exceeded all expectations, with great weather, great decorations, great food and, of course, great company. Including US Congressman Jimmy Gomez, California State Senator Kevin De León, Los Angeles Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, and several past presidents of the GPIA! Many thanks to the GPIA members who made it all happen!

We end up this year with twice as many members and more funding than we had last year. We want to keep growing, and expand our role in the community. Next year, we will continue our work on street cleanups, National Night Out, Walnut Canyon and our SLOW DOWN campaign. But there is room to do more. We'd like to hear from you. What events should we support? What issues should we tackle? Drop me a note at gpia.rickbolton@gmail.com and let me know your thoughts; or better yet, come to our November 8th meeting and share ideas with other members and the GPIA board.

Speaking of SLOW DOWN, we've led a successful signature drive to get speed humps installed on that notorious stretch of road, Division St. between Cazador St. and Jessica Dr. If you live on a dangerous street, and want help with the City of LA application process, drop me a note at the email address above.

Finally, we want to give a shout-out to Eric Tallman, who served this year as GPIA Treasurer, and two years prior as President. He's leaving the board when his term ends this year. We owe him a lot. Thanks, Eric!

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

Saludos!
 Si no estuvieron presente se perdieron la diversion. La fiesta de el 50 aniversario del GPIA fue mucho mejor de lo que esperabamos con un clima perfecto, deliciosa comida y por supuesto, muy buena compañía. Estubieron presente el congresista Jimmy Gomez, el Senador de Estado Kevin De León y el miembro de consejo de Los Angeles, Mitch O'Farrell, y varios presidentes del pasado del GPIA! Muchísimas gracias también a todos los miembros del GPIA que ayudaron a hacer este evento posible.

Terminaremos este año con lo doble de miembros y más donaciones que el año pasado. Nos gustaria seguir nuestro crecimiento y presencia en la comunidad. El siguiente año continuaremos nuestras limpiezas de las calles, eventos como el National Night Out, apoyo a Walnut Canyon y nuestra campaña de SLOW DOWN (vaya más despacio). Pero ay lugar para hacer más. Nos gustaria escuchar de usted. Que eventos recomiendan que apoyemos? Que conflictos le gustaria que nos involucremos? Escribame a: gpia.rickbolton@gmail.com y déjeme saber su opinión; pero mejor seria escuchar de usted en persona, acompañenos a nuestra junta el 8 de noviembre y comparta sus ideas con los otros miembros de la comunidad y del GPIA.

Hablando de SLOW DOWN, hemos podido dirigir una muy exitosa unida de firmas para peticonar la instalación de bandas de frenado en la calle División entre las calles Cazador y Jessica Drive. Si usted vive en una calle peligrosa y le gustaria recibir nuestra ayuda, escribame a mi correo electrónico.

Finalmente, me gustaria reconocer y agradecer a uno de nuestros miembros de junta del GPIA, Eric Tallman. Eric obtuvo la posición de Tesorero este año y fue nuestro presidente por dos años. Se separara del GPIA al fin de año. Le debemos mucho.

Muchas gracias Eric!

GPIA membership Call for Elections at November meeting

At the GPIA's November 8th meeting, current members will elect a Board of Directors for 2019 and review, discuss and vote on whether or not to adopt revised bylaws.

Nominees for the 2019 Board are: Rick Bolton (President), Donald Nollar (Vice President), Melinda Martinez (Secretary), Nancy Cortes (Treasurer), Michelle Alvarez (Improvement Chair), Fatima Guzman (Area Representative) and Marcie Rose (Area Representative). The nominee(s) for the third Area Representative has yet to be determined. At the meeting, any person interested in serving on the Board may nominate themselves, or be nominated by another person, for any position.

The annual election of officers is by written ballot unless there is only one nominee for an office, at which time a vote by raise of hands may be taken. Officers will be installed at the January 2019 meeting and will serve for one year.

The current bylaws have not been changed since 2009. An ad hoc committee submitted proposed revisions to the Board to present to the membership for the vote.

Current and proposed bylaws are posted on the GPIA website: <http://www.gp90065.org/proposedbylaws>.

City Council to consider reinstating "removed" streets

The Los Angeles City Council's Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee approved a Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report, and recommended that the City Council direct the City Attorney to draft a new ordinance to reinstate over 300 streets to the City's grid. According to the City, streets that were removed from the grid are not eligible for city services, but the committee noted that a "removed" status did not prevent use by drivers or development by builders. Committee Chair Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, who spearheaded the issue, said, "These streets won't be fixed overnight, but getting them back in the queue and taking responsibility for them is an enormous step in the right direction."

According to the BOE's report, there are three streets in Glassell Park that were "removed from public use" in the 80s & 90s—Mimosa Drive (from Inglis Drive to Crestmoore Place), Filion Street (from 400 feet west of Somers Avenue to dead-end & from York Blvd. to dead-end), and Inglis Drive (from 150 feet south of Ackerman Drive to Mimosa Drive).

Flea-borne typhus outbreak in downtown Los Angeles

Los Angeles Public Health officials stated that a typhus outbreak is occurring in Los Angeles and neighboring cities including Pasadena and Long Beach. According to a LA County health spokesperson, "All the cases have a history of living or working in the downtown Los Angeles area".

Flea-borne typhus is a disease that fleas can spread to humans, and fleas are known to live on rodents, raccoons, possums, coyotes, and stray and domestic cats and dogs—all of which can be found in Glassell Park. Typhus in humans can cause high fever, chills, headaches and rash, and can lead to death in rare cases not treated with antibiotics (there is no vaccine for typhus). The California Department of Public Health says "the key to preventing flea-borne typhus is to avoid direct contact with fleas". They recommend not only keeping pets free of fleas, but also keeping wild and feral animals out of yards by securely covering trash cans and bringing pet food in at night.

A very thorough report on the history and current increase in typhus in Los Angeles can be found at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/312490950_History_of_flea-borne_typhus_in_Los_Angeles_County_California

What's going on in Glassell Park?

- ✓ **Call for free in-home pickup of bulky items in CD1**
 Council District 1 offers in-home bulky item pickup. To schedule a crew to remove bulky items from your home (at no charge to you), call the 24-hour customer care center at 800-773-2489. The in-home pickup is a pilot program only available to residents of CD1, and can only be scheduled by phone.
- ✓ **Governor signs law legalizing sale of home-cooked food**
 Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill that allows people to sell food they make themselves. The new law goes into effect on January 1st. Operators of "microenterprise home kitchens" will need to apply for a permit and can sell no more than 60 meals per week.
- ✓ **New vote-by-mail rules will keep voters informed**
 The state will now be required to inform voters if the signature on their mail-in ballot is being questioned, and voters will have 8 days during which they can fix the problem. The governor also signed a bill that will create a system by which voters will be able to track the status of their ballots.
- ✓ **Local library is ballot drop-off site**
 Voters can save postage by depositing their mail-in ballots in an official ballot box at the Cypress Park Branch library. For branch hours, go to: www.lapl.org
- ✓ **Thank you to our elected representatives**
 The GPIA was the recipient of grants from Supervisor Hilda Solis, Councilmember Gil Cedillo, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and Councilmember José Huizar in 2018. At this time of thanks giving, we are grateful to them all, and happy to be able to benefit the community in bigger and better ways in the coming year.
- ✓ **Stormwater program offers free waste bags for dogs**
 City of Los Angeles residents can get a free dog waste bag canister from LA's Stormwater program. Order at LStormwater.org/dogwastebag or call 800-974-9794 (option 3).

"Ask your Neighborhood Prosecutor!"
 Gabrielle Taylor, our Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's office, will do her best to answer your questions about neighborhood issues that effect our quality of life in Glassell Park.
 Send your question to: gpiaNews90065@gmail.com.

GPIA Celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a golden party on the river

Nearly 100 members and guests enjoyed a free bar & buffet and mingled with elected representatives Congressman Jimmy Gomez, State Senator Kevin de León and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (a former GPIA President) before a cake & champagne toast kicked off our next 50 years of service in our community.

The GPIA would like to thank our 2018 donors including Supervisor Hilda Solis, Councilmembers Cedillo, O'Farrell and Huizar, Young's Market, Trader Joe's, Costco, Super A Market, Eagle Rock Brewery, Frogtown Brewery, Marianne Williamson & Rod Reynolds, Happy Liquors, Super King Market, LA Sanitation Department, and Universal Waste Management Systems.

Thanks, finally, to the GPIA Anniversary Committee for all their work to make the party a great success!

Photos by Suzie Wilkinson, Michelle Alvarez & Marge Piane



ARC's LA River Workshop

by Helene Schpak

The Alliance of River Communities (ARC), comprised of 16 river adjacent Neighborhood Councils, staged their first workshop Saturday October 13th. Titled "LA River: Activism and Policy", it brought together an integrated group of experts in their field.

Topics included water quality, flood surge, environmental justice, and the competing visions for the river's future from the State, County, City and the people who live in close proximity.

The day was filled with experiential information, research data and community engagement. The workshop began with an overview of the river and its history. Each of the three workshops that followed was filled with information and each generated a robust Q&A.

ARC will be providing more workshops about the river, and the land that surrounds it, in smaller two-hour formats. This will allow us to narrow the focus to a maximum of two topics so we can explore the various elements in depth and discuss the interrelationships and complexities of each.

ARC meets the third Monday of each month. For more information contact Helene at hxschpak@gmail.com



Photo by Helene Schpak

GPNC's Housing the Homeless forum

by Michael Hyland

On October 18th, the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council and The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council co-hosted a forum on homelessness that would be an open Q&A with the community.

The panel of speakers were LA Times reporter Doug Smith, Meredith Berkson from The Homeless Initiative of LA County, Jesus Torres from PATH, Gabriela Garcia from the United Way's "Everyone In" campaign and Judy Vaughn, Keana and Ashly from Alexandria House.

The good will of both Cypress Park and Glassell Parks' communities were well represented by a large attendance of stakeholders at the Glassell Park Community & Senior Center.

It hopes to be the first of many such conversations.



Photo by Michael Hyland

Reports from the U.S. and State Capitols

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

Dear Friend,

This year, my office hosted events across the 34th Congressional District to hear directly from local organizations and community leaders about their work to make our neighborhoods a place where families have access to the services and opportunities they need to thrive.

My office convened medical professionals and healthcare organizations for a Healthcare Roundtable to tackle the most urgent health care issues facing our neighbors. We agreed on the need to work together to build off the progress made by Obamacare, strengthen mental health services, and address the reality that the fear of deportation creates a major health care barrier for many communities.

I brought together local and national stakeholders for a Los Angeles River Roundtable to get their perspectives on this iconic waterway. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided an update on Alternative 20 – a plan to restore 11 miles of the river. We discussed our collective and coordinated efforts to address the housing and environmental concerns of local communities.

We heard from groups like the ACLU and the National Immigration Law Center about protecting immigrant communities at our Immigration Roundtable. We discussed how we can respond to the Trump administration's ongoing efforts to weaponize the Department of Justice and turn away those seeking asylum in the U.S.

These were just some of the events we held in 2018, and many more are on the horizon for 2019. Until then, I wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress

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

Congratulations GPIA on your 50th anniversary!

It has been my honor to represent you over the past 12 years in the California State Legislature. I cannot help but reflect on all the great things we have accomplished together, but each day I am reminded that there is so much left to do. Our economy is the fifth largest on earth, but there are still too many Californians that are left behind. We must work to create a society that cares for each other and ensures that we close the opportunity gap for everyone, regardless of your zip code, race, gender, which god you pray to, or who you love.

I have two last state legislative updates to offer: As a proud co-author of SB822, I fought to maintain a free and open internet by passing the most robust net-neutrality protections in the country. By reinstating these protections put in place by the Federal Communications Commission under President Obama, California will prevent internet service providers from blocking access, slowing down your internet speed, or giving an unfair advantage to the highest bidders. With the successful passing of my legislation, Senate Bill 100, California has once again reclaimed the mantle of global climate leadership by committing to a 100% clean energy future by the year 2045. Our success in meeting these goals will no doubt prove to the rest of the world that we can grow our economy and put people back to work while forging ahead with our clean energy goals.

Thank you for your trust and confidence.

Sincerely,
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State Senator

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

Dear Neighbors,

November marks the beginning of the holiday season, when we celebrate the spirit of gratitude. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the community for your support in the extraordinary progress we've made during my first legislative session. Over the past 10 months, my team and I have accomplished remarkable feats. Seven of my bills were signed by Governor Jerry Brown, addressing parks access, job creation, workforce protections, higher education access, water efficiency and clean air. I was also a proud co-author of Sen. Kevin de León's SB 100, which requires California to obtain 100 percent of its power from renewable energy by 2045.

In the district, we've taken our listening tour throughout our neighborhoods and made many new friends at our community events. It's an honor to serve the 51st Assembly District, and I look forward to continuing to work together to improve our district and our state.

I also want to congratulate the Glassell Park Improvement Association on reaching its 50th anniversary, a monumental milestone of service to the Northeast Los Angeles area. Thank you for engaging our local communities with vital resources and creating a better vision for the future.

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

In service,
Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember, 51st District

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Candidates for U.S. Congress District 34



Jimmy Gomez



Kenneth Mejia

Candidates for State Senate District 24



Peter Choi



Maria Elena Durazo

Candidates for State Assembly District 51



Wendy Carrillo



Christopher Stare

Go to www.lavote.net for complete election information including polling place locations & hours, early voting, candidate statements, ballot measures for state, county, city and LAUSD. **VOTE November 6th.**

Supervisor and Mayor's reports

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

Earlier this month, the Trump Administration proposed a new rule to expand the types of public benefits that are considered in a public charge determination, potentially impacting recipients' immigration status. If enacted, this new rule would force lawful immigrants to choose between securing lawful permanent resident status (otherwise known as a 'green card') and receiving non-cash public benefits, such as food or housing benefits, that they may need to survive.

I am pleased that the LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed my motion earlier this month that called for a comprehensive countywide response, but now I need your help to make sure all of our voices are heard. Our Glassell Park community carries an influential voice that is crucial in dire moments like these that threaten the safety and wellbeing of our friends, families, and neighbors. Please use your voice to help community members understand the potential drastic impact of the proposed "Public Charge" changes and join me in speaking up against this injustice.

To stay informed about what the County is doing, sign up for my newsletter at hildasolis.org and follow me on Twitter and Facebook at @hildasolis. Please visit the website of the LA County's Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) at oia.lacounty.gov/publiccharge/ to find information and to submit your comments directly to the Federal Register before the December 10 deadline. If you have questions on how the proposed rule might affect you, please call 1-800-593-8222 to speak with an OIA representative who can connect you to free or low cost legal aid immigration attorneys. LA County is here to help, and to fight for all of our immigrant communities.

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Report from
Mayor's Office of Legislative and External Affairs

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced this month that SwimLA, an initiative to double the number of young people who receive swimming lessons at City pools, has already surpassed his goal of enrolling more than 36,000 Angelenos in classes this year. Mayor Garcetti launched SwimLA in June, to help ensure that young Angelenos between the ages of 4 and 17 have more opportunities to learn how to swim. With support from partners, the program was able to grant thousands of scholarships to families who demonstrated financial need. To accommodate the additional lessons, the Department of Recreation and Parks expanded hours at nearly 50 pools — adding more than 3,000 operating hours at pools across the City. Of the 36,126 Angelenos who have participated in the program, 60% enrolled in the preschool and beginner level aquatics programs — indicating that for many, it was likely their first time learning to swim. SwimLA programming is available at every single L.A. City Pool, and drew nearly identical gender representation — with 49% of participants identifying as male and 48% as female.

According to the U.S.A. Swimming Foundation, 64 percent of African-American and 45 percent of Latino children don't know how to swim. With drowning the second-leading cause of accidental death for children under 14, it is important that kids learn to swim and understand how to be safe around all bodies of water. For more information on swim classes and to find your nearest pool, visit www.swimla.org.

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City Council Districts Reports

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

We are pleased to announce a successful 5th Annual Latin Jazz Festival at Sycamore Grove Park on September 29th and 30th. The NELA community danced away and participated in our Resource Fair. It is CD1's goal to bring cultural events free to the community to enjoy!

Our office continues to focus on solutions to help our homeless community by bringing a mobile shower program to Lincoln Heights and Cypress Park. If you are interested in a program in Glassell Park please contact our office at 323-550-1538. We continue to look for Safe Parking sites and a shelter program in the Northeast area. WORKS, a non-profit that develops affordable housing in Los Angeles continues to have ongoing discussions on the proposed mix of options for the five City-owned parking lots in Lincoln Heights. The goal is to provide an array of housing, as well as replacement parking and community benefits that work for Lincoln Heights and CD1.

In October, Team Cedillo and the Bureau of Engineering held an update meeting for G2, the 40 acre parcel of land in Cypress Park with direct access to the LA River. There were over 200 people in attendance for the update on the initial assessment, soil studies and three preliminary drafts for development. There will be additional meetings and Team Cedillo agrees community outreach and input from stakeholders and constituents is imperative to make this a success. The G2 parcel was acquired by the City of Los Angeles with the leadership of our office.

We want to congratulate the GPIA for their 50th Anniversary in serving the community of Glassell Park and may they continue for another 50 years!

For information or constituent Services please call our office or the Deputy for Glassell Park at 323-550-1538.

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

Friends,

I want to take this time to personally congratulate Glassell Park Improvement Association on its 50th Anniversary! As a former president of GPIA, I know firsthand the incredible work they have done and continue to do in order to improve the quality of life in Glassell Park.

I first moved to Glassell Park in the 90's and started working as a community activist focused on improving my neighborhood. Soon, this activism drew me towards organizations like GPIA that have been doing this incredibly important work for decades. This activism also led me to work in the office of my predecessor and then as the elected representative for the 13th Council District starting in 2013.

Since 2013, the GPIA has partnered with my office on a number of outreach events, streetscape and pedestrian improvement projects, tree plantings, and community clean ups, all with the goal of improving the community.

There is always much more work to do, and I'm looking forward to continuing working with the GPIA and other stakeholders in Glassell Park to enhance the neighborhood!

If you have any questions, you can reach out to my Glassell Park Field Deputy Hector Vega at 213-207-3015.

Kind regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL

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

Hello Glassell Park,

I am proud to share that in September the City opened the first "A Bridge Home" emergency, temporary shelter. The City's goal for this temporary shelter located at El Pueblo is to serve as a place of rebirth for people experiencing homelessness and put them on a path to recovery and long-term housing. This shelter will offer immediate beds, showers, mental health services, restrooms, storage facilities, and pet accommodations, while housing through Measure HHH is built.

Council District 14 stepped up to sign on as the first Council Office of the 15 Council Districts to work with the Mayor on the new emergency housing plan. Opening the El Pueblo shelter is a big step forward, yet much more work lies ahead.

The City's long-term goal to address homelessness is to build up to 10,000 units of supportive housing throughout the City that voters approved through Measure HHH. The City Council voted to approve setting a goal that has each Council office committing to supporting 222 supportive housing units in their districts over the next three years. In CD14 we have already met that goal with 423 units already committed, and more on the way. To see the United Way Everyone In tally by Council Districts visit everyoneinla.org.

Sincerely,

José Huizar

Councilmember, 14th District

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Friends of Walnut Canyon committee

Friends of Walnut Canyon is excited to unveil our new logo created by FOWC member, Adam Davis. His thoughtful design conveys how our community relies on Walnut Canyon to not only relax and connect with nature, but also serves as a peaceful place to enjoy passive recreation with family and dogs. Keep an eye out for our new logo on yard signs, flyers, etc.

While we've been waiting for ABODE's Final Environmental Impact Report to be released by the City, FOWC continues to build relationships and learn new information from elected officials, as well as other community and environmental organizations. When the FEIR is released, we will alert the community and host a meeting to share your concerns with officials and show your support for our preservation efforts.

Thanks to many of you who voted, Proposition 68 passed in June which will greatly help our efforts to purchase the beloved Walnut Canyon land from the ABODE developers. However, this will ultimately require more than just one funding source, so please consider voting for **Proposition 3** on your November ballot. Its main focus is water-related projects, but it also provides a significant amount of funding for habitat protection and improving the natural environment.

Please email us photos of you with your family, friends or pets enjoying Walnut Canyon! The main trail can be accessed at the end of Haverhill, Sundown or Brilliant Drive. And be sure to check out the little lending library at the Brilliant Drive entrance, courtesy of FOWC members, Neil and Stephanie Sadler.

Visit GPIA.org to stay informed, or join our email list:

FriendsOfWalnutCanyon@gmail.com



Hundreds watch "Coco" at Juntos Park

The GPIA was proud to participate in the *Night Under The Stars/Noche Bajo Las Estrellas* community event on September 7 in Juntos Park, hosted by City Council District 13. Hundreds of people attended to enjoy free food, beverages, a resource fair and a showing of Disney's animated film *Coco*.

Another Little Free Library



A new Little Free Library at 3906 Verdugo View Drive in Glassell Park.

the Great Clean
LOS ANGELES, CA
Adam Culvey
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windows, screens, solar panels, hard water spots, gutters, & more

Botta's Pocket Gopher
by Susan Streater



Photo by Susan Streater

You've seen the holes and dirt mounds, or maybe you noticed plants in your yard disappearing overnight, but you have probably never seen this animal above ground. Botta's Pocket Gopher (*Thomomys bottae*) is the most common gopher found in California.

Their body can grow to a length of 9 inches with claws over 1 inch long, their fur is brown with blackish undertones. They have a pocket opening near the mouth on the outside of each cheek (unlike hamsters whose cheek pockets open inside the mouth), in which they can carry food.

These gophers are an important food source for our local predators—their bones and teeth can be found in many owl pellets and coyote seats.

Uptown Gay & Lesbian Alliance
"In Northeast Los Angeles for Good"
UGLA
UGLA.org
Founded 1983

September Flash Cleanup!



by Jim Kiehl

We had only 5 confirmed attendees on September 22nd, so I was grateful to find a crowd waiting for me when I arrived at Verdugo Road at the 2 Freeway overpass. The service club of students from the Sotomayor High School Complex and their advisor were joining us before going off to teach some young children how to swim. This club was

well organized and dedicated to making a difference in the world. And they did just that. We almost ran out of bags for all the trash picked up by the students and the rest of our crew.

We had a total of 21 people at the event. Lots of weeds and trash were removed from the center median, both sidewalks and the freeway siding along Roderick Road.

CD 14's Lucy Aparicio was there to help out and led the cleanup efforts on the CD 14 side of Verdugo. She also took community comments for the center median greening project planned by both CD 13 and CD 14.

CD 13's clean team could not join us for the event, but did come by later to pick up all of our filled trash bags. One gentleman saw our banner that was put up at the location before the event and joined us. Thanks to the communications team for the banners as well as sending electronic notices of the event. All the people and groups mentioned here made a difference in our community again. Thanks to all of you.

October Flash Cleanup!



by Jim Kiehl

On the morning of our anniversary party, October 20th, we had a good cleanup. Eighteen volunteers came out to San Fernando Road at the 2 Freeway, and as a result many bags of trash were collected. Electronic postings of the cleanups are helping drive turnout. Several people advised they have seen us on Facebook and or Nextdoor that they wanted to join us before but were tied up on our prior dates.

Thanks to Hector Vega for getting CD13's clean team out to help out in spite of their busy schedule that day. They worked the area north of the freeway and picked up our bags after the event. CD14's Lucy Aparicio helped out with a box of clean up bags delivered the day before the event. We were out of bags so this was just in time. Thanks Lucy. CD1 wanted to join us but they had a car show in Highland Park that had their team tied up all day. We had a contingent of students helping out as well. Thanks to the communications team who handle our electronic posting, produce this newsletter and so much more. Thanks also to the GPIA board for the ongoing support for the Flash Cleanup series.

GPIA FLASH CLEANUP! 11/17

North Glassell Park Monument 8:00 am, Eagle Rock Blvd median at Lincoln Avenue (near York)

Join the Flash Cleanup team!
Go to www.gpia.org or email jkiehl@earthlink.net



- January 19, 2019**
Glassell Park Elementary / Glassell Park EEC
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
W Ave 30 at Carlyle Street
- February 23, 2019**
IRVING STEAM & Fletcher Elementary
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM
Fletcher Drive and Estara Avenue
- March 16, 2019**
Verdugo at Eagle Rock Blvd / Triangle Garden
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Eagle Rock Blvd and Verdugo Road
WITH BULKY ITEM ROUND-UP
- April 20, 2019**
LA River Cleanup at Bowtie Parcel with FOLAR
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Location – Nelson Miller/ Bowtie Parcel
- May 18, 2019**
South Glassell Park Monument / Transit Pavilion
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
San Fernando Road and Eagle Rock Blvd.
- June 15, 2019**
La Esquina / O&H
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Division St. at Ave 33
- July 20, 2019**
Crestmoore Steps
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Crestmoore Steps just off Verdugo Road
- August 17, 2019**
Verdugo Village
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Verdugo Road and York Blvd.
WITH BULKY ITEM ROUND-UP
- September 21, 2019**
2 Freeway Ramps / Underpass / Median
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Verdugo Road at Roderick Road
- October 19, 2019**
San Fernando Road / Ribet Academy
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
San Fernando Rd. at 2 Freeway
- November 16, 2019**
North Glassell Park Monument
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Eagle Rock Blvd at Lincoln Av (near York)

You Can Make A Difference

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council is currently looking for community members to join the board!

<u>Upcoming Meetings:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Nov 20th at 7pm	Glassell Park Community & Senior Center
Jan 15th at 7pm	3750 Verdugo Road

To learn more:
email: board@glassellparknc.org
www.glassellparknc.org



WINTER STORMS EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Flooded City Streets LA Sanitation: 800-773-2489 Downed Power Lines LADWP: 800-342-5397 or 911 Clogged Catch Basins LA Stormwater: 800-974-9794	Clogged Sewer Lines LA Sanitation: 800-773-2489 Potholes Street Services: 800-996-2489 Sandbags Fire Department: 213-978-3800	Fallen Trees or Debris in Public Right of Ways Street Services: 800-996-2489 Post-rain Mosquitos Vector Control: 562-944-9656 Emergency Updates 213-484-4800
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Do you shop at amazon.com ?

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

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

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

Glassell Park's Law Enforcers:

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

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

A Few Handy Phone Numbers:

Abandoned Vehicles	800-222-6366
Abandoned Shopping Carts	800-252-4613
Animal Services	888-452-7381
Blocked Driveways	213-485-4184 x2
Fire Dept (non-emergency)	213-485-6250
Gas Leaks	800-427-2200
Graffiti removal	800-675-4357
LAPD (non-emergency)	877-ASK-LAPD
Poison Control	800-876-4766
Rape Hotline	310-392-8381
Restraining Order	213-974-5587
Sanitation/Trash/Recycling	800-773-2489
Street Resurfacing/Potholes	800-996-2489
Tree Trimming	800-996-2489
Water & Power	800-342-5397

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

JOIN the GPIA!

Name _____

Address _____

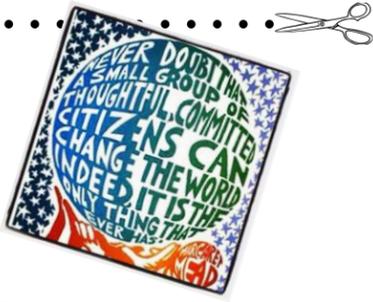
Email _____

Phone _____ (home / work / cell) (circle one)

Please check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual membership (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Business membership (\$25) (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+) (\$12)		<input type="checkbox"/> Please email my newsletter

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



Neighborhood information at hand:

City Council Field Offices

Council District 1
Gil Cedillo
3750 Verdugo Road
L.A., CA 90065
323-341-5671

Council District 13
Mitch O'Farrell
1722 Sunset Blvd
L.A., CA 90026
213-207-3015

Council District 14
José Huizar
2035 Colorado Blvd
L.A., CA 90041
323-254-5295

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Marcie Rose
Fatima Guzman
Land Use Liaison
Helene Schpak
Newsletter Editor
Marge Piane
**Friends of Walnut
Canyon Chair**
Suzan Olson Davis

Upcoming Events

November 4
NELA Veterans Day
Ceremony & Parade, 11am
ceremony, 2035 Colorado
Blvd. and 1pm parade, 4455
York Blvd. to Eagle Rock
Blvd. & Merton Avenue

November 6
Election Day - VOTE!
Find your polling place at
www.lavote.net

November 8
GPIA General Membership
meeting, 7pm, see cover

November 10
Veterans Ceremony, 11am,
690 Cypress Av; Luncheon,
12noon, Rio de LA Park,
1900 San Fernando Road

November 17
Flash Cleanup! North
Monument, 8am, see page 9

November 20
GPNC Board meeting, 7pm,
see page 10

November 29
GPNC's Planning & Land Use
Committee, 7pm

December 2
Glassell Park Tree Lighting,
5pm, Rite-Aid parking lot,
4044 Eagle Rock Blvd.

December 12
GPIA Board meeting, 7pm

December 25
Happy Holidays!

All meetings and events are at the
Glassell Park Community & Senior Center,
3750 N. Verdugo Road, unless otherwise noted.

Taking pride in our community since 1968! Join today!



ELECTRONIC CORRECTION REQUESTED

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