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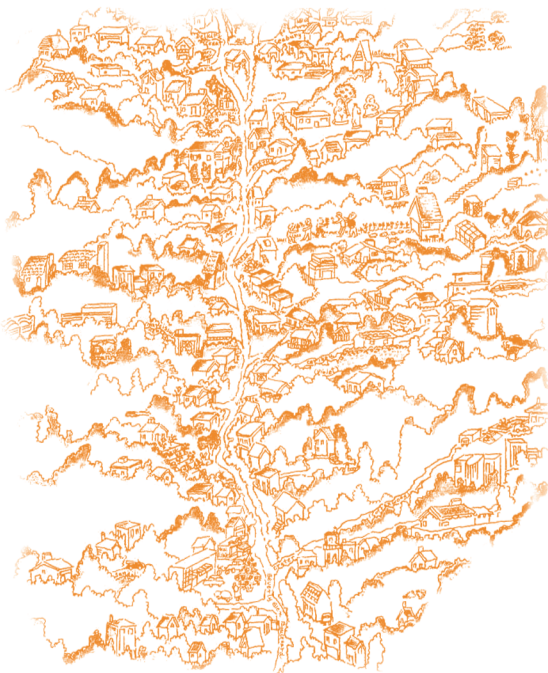
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## Save the Date

What: **Annual  
Holiday Party**

When: **Saturday,  
December 16, 5 - 8 p.m.**

Where: **DLRCC Center  
10409 Scenario Lane**

RSVP: **Elizabeth Hollendoner**

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## Letter from the President

We are a community! We are The GLEN! The Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc. (ROBG) is a community volunteer organization whose primary mission is to improve the quality of life in the Glen. The ROBG is a member of the 5th District Coalition and works closely with the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighbor Council, Neighborhood Police Traffic advisory board and the Hillside Federation. We have been making a difference for over 50 years. Our success is thanks to our volunteers. Continued success will only happen with your ongoing support.

**Calling Volunteers:** Getting people to volunteer is always a challenge. Everyone thinks someone else will do it or that it is too big a commitment. Firstly, that someone else is YOU! Secondly, volunteering can be as simple as an activity or project - just choose something that grabs your interest! The amount of time you volunteer is up to you. Every one of us can make a difference. To find out how to get involved simply email me or go to our website, Beverlyglen.org, and let us know your interest and where you would like to contribute. The Glen is our community and we want future generations to have a better quality of life.

**Annual Meeting Review:** On October 14th we had our annual Glen Gathering and Annual Meeting at the Dorothy & Les River Community Center (DLRRC). Can you believe that those attending ranged from people who have lived in the Glen for just 2 months to those who have lived here for over 46 years? What a spread of time! We shared many interesting Glen experiences and got to know each other in the first hour of the meeting. Thanks to Richard Renaldo and to the ROBG for providing the wine and food and Barbara Loyo, our new board member, for her set up and clean up efforts. During the meet-

ing we elected the new board to serve for our community. Some of these board members are serving their final year, making it even more important for you to volunteer. You will find more details on the current and the new Board in this issue of the Glenite.

We had excellent representation from the LAPD, LAFD and the 5th District City Council office. As always, discussion was riveting. With the recent wildfires, fire has been a hot topic. Did you know that a fire in our community could spread from Mulholland to Sunset in as little as 45 minutes? With only one way out by road, what would you do in such a situation? Please read the emergency preparedness ideas from Diana Ho and Dean Gamburd in this Glenite. Another interesting discussion was around the major challenge we continue to face with Glen traffic. Please read the ambitious plan and goals by Keith Hudson and Gayle Prousaills in this issue. Overall the event was a real success and we hope to see even more people attending next year. This is a fun and educational meeting and a great opportunity to get to know your community.

**In Appreciation:** Heather Siegel and Lauren Kaplan, our new membership team, will communicate the benefits of being a paid member and where the money goes. Robert Ringler and Pam Cooke have been looking after our best interests as Glen reps on the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. For more details see <http://www.babcnc.org>. Another area that concerns everyone is zoning and development, which Chuck Buell is handling with the support of residents Pam Cooke and Greg Heimer. Trein Schiffelbian is keeping up with the treasurer's work. Warren Garfield is working on updating

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# STREET STORIES

by Debbie Irving

We all undoubtedly (and unbiasedly) agree the Glen is the ideal place to live in Los Angeles. The geography gives us the opportunity for rural peacefulness without the isolation. This same unique geography presents some challenges — our streets are somewhat disconnected and footpaths next to non-existent — traits that could challenge a community's interconnectedness. Having lived in the Glen for only a year and 9 months, I have been continuously amazed with the community spirit I have found. The people here seem to be as interesting and adaptable as the landscape. Glimpse into any of the Lanes in the Glen and you will see community spirit is thriving. Take a look...

## Preparing for any Scenario

Residents of Scenario Lane recently prepared a 'Map of the Street'. The idea came from two long-term residents, in an effort to connect with their neighbors and, street-wide, to be prepared in the event of a natural disaster. Neighbors loved the idea and eagerly embraced the opportunity of 15 families gathering for wine, food and collaborative planning. Utilizing the resources of the Glen, the residents also invited a member of the Emergency Preparedness team, Dean Gamburd. Dean, I am told, spoke with authority and revved everyone into action. He prepped everyone on the essentials including what to stock in emergency kits, what to do and who to contact in certain emergencies.

Scenario Lane's 'Map of the Street' includes key household information for each neighbor: including household members, pets and emergency contact details. After completion it was made available to each neighbor. Now, not only are these neighbors prepared for any emergency but they have created new friendships and a community that together can face any "scenario."

## Something in the drinking water?

Five new babies in 6 months! What began with two moms with similar sized bellies literally bumping into one another on

the street has evolved into a standing Friday afternoon "Mommy and Me class" — Beverly Glen style. Every week at a different house. The group is now up to six moms and tots, with the spirit having spread onto the neighboring street of Chrysanthemum where others (including



*Future Playgroup kids hanging out in the Glen*

the writer of this article) are joining in. You may have seen the whole team at your door this Halloween. Trick or Treat!

The families of Oletha Lane have formed an invaluable network. The children are friends and are learning to socialize together. And the parents have formed an amazing community where they share parenting tips, diapers, babysitters, toys, meals and the odd glass of wine. These families truly believe that they "now live on the most kid-friendly block in LA." Like the residents of Scenario Lane, these families intend to use their community resources as they enroll their tots together in their first year of school at the Beverly Glen Cooperative Playgroup, where they can continue to contribute to the well being of the children and the community in which they live.

Everyone in the Glen has a least one thing in common — we truly love our neighborhood. It's great to see community coming together in different ways. In the short time I have lived here I have seen this first hand. In talking to residents of old, this is the way it used to be and it is heart-warming to see that spirit alive and well. If you have a similar story of community in the Glen, please send your Street Story to us at the Glenite. We'd love to share more of these in upcoming issues.

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## **Emergency Preparedness Test**

### ***Take the test. Get through the night!***

Your Emergency Preparedness Committee has been preaching get ready, get ready for some time now. How will you know if you are really ready? Take this simple test to see if you can Get Through the Night! Assume as you drive up your street to your home tomorrow night that you have just felt a major earthquake and have now heard on the radio that all of LA has been struck with a massive 9.0 earthquake. You are lucky in that you just made it home before the quake struck and that you and your family are all safe. However as you drive up to your garage and press your garage door opener button, your garage door fails to open. This is because all of LA's utilities are out. You have NO electricity, NO water, and NO natural gas. How are you going to get into your garage let alone get through the night? Once you have parked your car and entered your home, you are pleased to see that all of your damage control preventive efforts have worked. All of your bookcases are still upright, your TV and all other items placed on stands, which you properly secured, are still standing. Your home is just as you left it that morning. Good for you. But you still have NO City supplied electrical power; NO City supplied water, and NO City supplied natural gas. And you CAN'T use any candles. The use of candles could be dangerous if there are gas leaks or any aftershocks. What if during an aftershock your candle falls off the coffee table or

nightstand and comes to rest up against your drapes? Do you really want to have to fight a fire? Here's a helpful hint, as you now try to get through the night, keep a pencil and notepad with you. Write down everything you've done right and all those things you will learn through this exercise that you need to improve on. Remember, you have no electricity unless you have your own generator and can set it up and use it, you have no natural gas unless you have provided a second source of gas such as propane, and you have no City supplied water so you can't run the water, take a bath or flush your toilets unless you have provided for these contingencies. Remember, one toilet flush equals 1.5 GALLONS of water! Where are you going to get that water from? Magically when you wake in the morning you'll find that all is well. You'll find that the entire City supplied services have been turned back on and all is once again well within your world. Think it's easy to Get through the Night? I challenge you to take this simple test. Not willing to try? How are you going to get through 7-10 days and nights when disaster really strikes if you can't test yourself to get through one simple evening? I would be most interested in hearing of your experiences after your perform this most informative exercise. I guarantee you it's easier to do when there is really no real emergency then having to learn all of the lessons the hard way.

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our website, if you have an article of interest or would like something posted, email Warren at [warrengar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:warrengar@sbcglobal.net). Tensie and Daniel Palmer have been serving as our reps on the Hillside Federation going on 3 years. Did you know the ROBG was one of the founding organizations of the Hillside Federation? Its mission is to protect the property and the quality of life of residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles. For more details see [www.hillsidefederation.org](http://www.hillsidefederation.org). I also want to thank past board members Karina Combs and David and Janice LaMarche for their service to the community. Please see the complete roster of the current board for those who contribute so much to the quality of life in the Glen.

The Glenite could not happen without the team of Chris Holabird, Marc Olevin and Debbie Irving. I am grateful for the work of Amy Jones who serves on the board of both the ROBG and The Dorothy and Les River Community Center. Lastly, special thanks to the Center Board and to its President Roger Marshutz for all their work on behalf of the Glen. A final note of appreciation for Roger him-self as we offer support and sympathy during his ongoing illness.

Very best wishes from us all, Roger.

## **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Keith Hudson and Gail Prousalis, new chairs of the Beverly Glen Traffic Committee, have done a lot of good work. Please be sure to read the Traffic Newsletter that is included with this issue of the Glenite. And also check out the great website they have put together at [beverlyglentraffic.com](http://beverlyglentraffic.com).**

**Keith and Gail, thanks for all your energy. You can contact Keith at [beverlyglentraffic@hotmail.com](mailto:beverlyglentraffic@hotmail.com)**

## CRIME IN (AND NEAR) THE GLEN

*By Lauren Kaplan and Heather Siegel*

While burglary rings lay low, mail theft and check fraud strike the Glen. Burglaries occurring in Los Angeles' Platinum Triangle including Beverly Glen, Glenridge, and Bel Air Crest have subsided for now. The last reported incident, according to Detective Petrano of the LAPD, occurred in August when it had been reported a man with a clipboard was snooping around houses. Detectives believe that at least two professional burglary rings stole over seven million dollars in cash, jewelry, rare books, art and other valuables. The burglars mostly struck during the evening on weekends, once homeowners had left for the evening, thus becoming dubbed The Dinner Time Bandits. Burglaries also occurred in the early morning, after people had left for work. The burglars usually gained entry by smashing the master bedroom window, thus avoiding tripping home security systems. The LAPD also believes the suspects drove luxury and SUV vehicles, which helped the burglars blend into their targeted areas. Detective Petrano said the task force dedicated to finding the burglars has been disassembled for the time being due to inactivity and lack of leads. However, the LAPD strongly advises residents to remain cautious and report suspicious persons or cars seen in the area to the burglary hotline (310) 444-1522 and to call 911 immediately if they witness a crime in progress or suspicious activity.

While the burglaries have ceased, mail theft and check fraud have struck Beverly Glen. Beverly Glen resident of twenty years, as well as former ROBG president Ken Stern, opened his bank statement this past September to learn that he had been a victim of check fraud. To his dismay, on his

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### *Trees Down*

We can all remember the October winds that fanned the destructive fires throughout Southern California and how fortunate we were in the Glen to escape the fires, at least this time. We were also very fortunate that when two huge sycamores blew down across the boulevard at the Four Oaks, no one was killed or injured. It was a long detour home that night but a small price to pay. We can also take pride in the quick action taken by our President Dan Buben and our Emergency Preparedness Chair Dean Gamburd in setting out warning signs, cones, and flashing lights to guide traffic around the fallen tree near the Four Oaks. The City was slow to respond but not our



*Trees down across the Blvd. at the Four Oaks*

community leaders. Thanks, Dan and Dean!

### *Playgroup Statement*

Playgroup is a Glen preschool, non-profit and parent cooperative, founded by Glen neighbors in the 1940's. It rents space from the Dorothy and Les River Community Center on Scenario Lane at Beverly Glen Place. Children of Glen residents receive placement priority but cannot be guaranteed immediate acceptance at any given time. Other factors include age, timing of the application, boy girl balance and siblings in the

class, and ability of the parents to commit to the responsibilities of a cooperative school. Interested parents should inquire promptly by calling (310) 470-0992.

### *Yard Sale Thanks*

The Beverly Glen Playgroup Yard Sale was a huge success! A big thank you to all who participated, and a special heartfelt thank you to the committee who chaired the event, Anita and Suhail Dohad, Torsten and Angela Kunert, Cheryl Glynn and Craig Scholz, and Maurice and Jessie Warnken as well as all the Playgroup families and friends, and a thank you to our wonderful Beverly Glen community for supporting our endeavors.

### *Membership Reminder*

Membership dues for the Residents of Beverly Glen for 2008 are now due. Please renew your membership or join today to help strengthen the Beverly Glen Community. Thank you to Gregory and Nancy Francis, Elke Heitmeyer, Amy Jones, Gregory and Dobbie Heimer, Nicholas Gessler, Amy Lee and Cameron Brown, Susan and Don Dunaway, Joyce Edeltraud, Jonathan and Stefanie Mork, Tom and Linda Pincu, Ron and Audra Vaisbort, for your 2008 membership donations this fall.

### *Glen Professor Joins Academy*

On October 6, Ned Wright, of the UCLA Department of Physics and Astronomy, took a sentimental journey: He strolled from the Cambridge, Massachusetts neighborhood, where he lived and taught at MIT, to the nearby headquarters building of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. There he was inducted as a Fellow of this prestigious organization, founded in 1780. Ned

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# A WONDERFUL AFTER TASTE FROM AUGUST

*by Richard Renaldo*

The First Annual Beverly Glen Wine Tasting was held on August 25th at the D&LRCC and attended by approximately 50 people. The event gave us the opportunity to spend time with our fellow residents as the summer drew to a close and featured an opportunity to taste some older wines from Europe and California. Some of the wine was part of a collection given to Beverly Glen by Don and Suzanne Dunaway, the rest was supplemented by me for diversity and to add some breadth. There was something for everyone in this inaugural wine tasting, and of the three cases of wine that were opened, the following deserve special mention.

A 1968 B.V. Pinot made by the legendary Andre Tchelistcheff. While this writer has not had good experiences with older California pinots, this was an exception. The wine had a great nose (scent) and entered the mouth like a boatload of flowers...still sweet on the all too brief finish it left an indelible impression. Other Pinots included the 04 Melville, the 05 Foley-Santa Rita hills, 89 Lane Tanner from Sanford and Benedict vineyards. These were compared with some Burgundies, most notably the 96 Leroy Bourgogne and a 93 Gevery chambertain from Denis Mortet. The Cabernet based wines featured 04 Justin Justification, made with 66% Cabernet Franc. This wine had a sweet edge with profound blueberry influences. Also opened was an 85 Georgis cabernet, a 2002 Justin cabernet, and a 2005 Petit Verdot also from Justin. For the whites, everybody who tried it loved the 71 Ch Coutet, a sweet dessert wine known as a sauterne. Also opened were an 85 Mersault charmes from Michelot-Buisson and a 95 Mondavi Tokalon I block which is a very limited bottling of Mondavi's fume blanc.

The Board would like to give a special thanks to the following volunteers for helping to make this event a success: Dan and Risa Buben, Heather Siegel, Lauren Kaplan, Diane Fisher, Amy Jones, Barbara Martinez. We would also like to thank all of the attendees as well for their donations. We were able to raise \$400, which will go to advertising and refreshments for future events. We plan to make this an annual event, and hope to see you next August at our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting!

## GREEN HAPPENINGS

### Get Those Recycling Blues

We've noticed on our occasional Wednesday morning trips up and down the boulevard a number of Glen households without blue bins set out for recycling. Therein lies a problem. It means that what's left are green bins supposed to hold only leaves or branch trimmings and black bins supposed to hold only trash or garbage and instead crammed with items crying out for recycling like all kinds of paper, cardboard, bottles(glass and plastic), cans and metal, nowadays even styrofoam and plastic bags. This does all of us a double disservice, living as we do in Beverly Glen in Los Angeles on Planet Earth, first by usurping space in our overcrowded city land fills and then by failing to reclaim huge amounts of material available to be used again. The good news is that the problem is easily solved. Simply call the City at (800) 773-2489 and a beautiful new blue bin will

be delivered to your home free! You might have to wait on the phone for a couple of minutes if the line is busy but it's well worth the wait. The good news too is that our citizenry has come a long ways from the days when Mayor Sam Yorty won election on a platform of not separating the weekly trash. People know more and care more about our communal living space nowadays and realize that we're all in it together. So let's brighten up the Glen on Wednesday mornings by having those bright blue recycling bins out in front of every home. Blue is a fine color. It makes the Glen greener.

### Stop Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers

A small victory for the environment has been achieved here on Beverly Glen Place. With the support of residents on the block, we've converted gardeners' use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers to

cleaner and quieter electric blowers. The sound and smell of gas blowers has become pervasive throughout the city, despite a long-standing ban on their use. They are terrible for the air, the ears, and illegal (although enforcement is all but non-existent).

We found that appeals to the gardeners directly had little effect in most cases, but education of residents was the key to a positive climate change. We also provided a letter in Spanish that could be given to gardeners to explain the law behind the ban. Some gardeners were reluctant to make the investment in an electric blower when they already own and use a gas model, so many residents purchased their own. And some of us have bought communal blowers, shared by two or three households and their gardeners. You can get the right electric blower for well under \$100 (our communal blower was \$59 on sale at Sears).

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We can work together as a community to stop this practice completely. Using electric blowers can reduce our carbon footprint and clean up the immediate air we breathe. It's a small step of course, but something that can be accomplished literally in your own backyard. If you want information on the law, copies of the Spanish translation, or recommendations of electric blowers, please contact Marc at (310) 474-0959 or marcolevin@gmail.com. Think globally, act locally. Thanks for caring.

## **Stone Canyon Reservoir Update**

Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Project:

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) must comply with new federal regulations requiring improvement to water quality. The new

regulations are as follows: 1) Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule, and 2) Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. LADWP is required to submit a water quality improvement compliance plan by April 2008.

LADWP and the Coalition to Preserve Open Reservoirs Stone Canyon Subcommittee (CPOR) of which I am a participant have been working together to develop feasible alternatives to comply with these regulations, while ensuring the water quality improvement projects do not have an adverse effect on the Stone Canyon Complex. After considering numerous alternatives, LADWP and CPOR have three water quality improvement projects under consideration: 1) Floating cover 2) Aluminum cover, and 3) Three pre-stressed concrete tanks within Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir (USCR) footprint.

All of these projects will have related impacts, during construction and after project completion. Construction impacts will include traffic, air quality, and noise. Permanent impacts will result from the aesthetic and visual solutions, and the ability to restore native vegetation. The extent of the impacts will vary with each alternative. These impacts are not all inclusive of the related impacts that may occur during construction and after project completion. A meeting will take place in January 2008. You are encouraged to attend to hear what may be in store the Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir.

[Editor's Note:] As we read this report there are serious questions involved. If all or part of the reservoir is to be covered this may interfere with the fire helicopters drawing water. The Benedict Canyon fire last spring was fought with helicopter water drops from Stone Canyon. And if local wildlife, deer, coyotes etc., cannot drink from the reservoir they are sure to come down to homes in search of water. For questions or comments email Pam at NSF621@aol.com

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statement were three consecutive checks that had cleared for over \$2700. Stern realized that the culprit had gained access to his bank account and routing number by stealing outgoing mail in his mailbox that had contained checks. Fortunately, Stern's bank replaced the money, but said it neither had the time or the resources to investigate further. Stern also contacted the U.S. Postal Service, and was pleased to hear that they would conduct their own investigation and prosecute the culprit if found. Stern says he no longer places any outgoing mail in his mailbox, but rather walks a short distance from his house to the secure USPS mailbox on Crater and N. Beverly Glen Blvd. We should all follow suit, using only secure USPS mailboxes. As Glen residents and neighbors, let's keep an eye on each other's homes and mailboxes, so we can better protect our neighborhood, homes, and personal property.

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became an Academy member along with Al Gore, Jesse Norman, Alice Waters, and other distinguished Americans. The Academy is engaged in projects such as Internet Security and Nuclear Energy. Long-time Glen resident Ned Wright lives on Seabury Lane. Congratulations, Ned.

### ***Greystone Mansion Drama***

Now in its 6th "sell-out" year, Theatre 40's THE MANOR returns to Greystone Mansion in Beverly Hills. The Manor is directed by the Glen's own Beverly Olevin, and depicts the tragic and true events of the Doheny family. It opens January 5 and runs weekends through March 2 at 1:00 pm. For info and reservations call (310) 364-0535.

### ***In Memory***

Mel Kells, long a Glen resident, died this past August at the age of 84. Known also as Mel Roberts, he had a long and distinguished career as a gay photographer and his work has been shown in fine arts books and museum exhibitions all over the world. He received a Masters in Cinema from USC and was active in many gay and civil rights struggles over the years following service as an Air Corps photographer in World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was to discover many years later that his nearest neighbor in the Glen, Ken Stern, once a Navy Skipper, had been in Okinawa at the same time. Mel is survived by his long term partner Peter Gonzales and two sisters, Eleanor Savage and Shirley Poules.

### ***Corrections***

In our last Glenite we incorrectly named Ken Stern's grandfather as Otto. Apologies! His name was Anton. We furthermore misidentified Mel Kells as a Navy photographer. He was in the Air Corps. A memorial to Mel appears above.

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