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## Save the Date

Beverly Olevin, Glen Neighbor,  
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### The Lion in Winter

February 14 thru March 21, 2004.



## A Holiday Tradition Enjoyed by All!

### The Beverly Glen 2003 Holiday Party

During the festive season marking the end of last year, a holiday party was held at the **Les River Community Center**, bringing residents together for a joyous good time. Partygoers enjoyed warm neighborly visits around the fireplace as they took in the spirit of the holidays.



*Our overworked membership chairman Dan looks sleepy eyed after setting up his display to sign up new members who had a chance to win prizes in a Christmas raffle. Dan is the best membership chair we've had...Amazing energy!*



*Our resident wine expert Richard Renaldo sampled one of his donated bottles. Looks like he can't wait to taste...*



*Dossie Guilbert, Patrick Quinn and Nancy Marshutz have a laugh at the successful party.*



## Letter from the President

Dear Glen Residents:

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying a great start to 2004. As we all know, however, January can be a cruel month. The champagne bottles are empty, the holiday decorations are packed away, and the chilly winter nights seem unending. Perhaps the most difficult part, as spring approaches, is to assess how those well-intentioned New Year's resolutions are faring. It's a topic that makes most people cringe. Studies show, in fact, that more than 90 percent of people who firmly commit to losing weight in the New Year quickly trade in the treadmill for the cheesecake. And it's the same story every year.

Make this year different. It's not too late to make and keep that resolution to be more involved with your community. I know many of you want to help, and we can certainly use it. During our first board meeting of the New Year, we discussed the most important issues facing the Glen and the Residents of Beverly Glen. In other words, we made our own New Year's resolutions. And with your help, we know we can achieve them. Our top priority, in fact, is participation. Without participants, a volunteer organization cannot function. It's that simple. But with your support, we can achieve great improvements for our community. Consider some of the accomplishments of 2003.

- The road regrading at 1600 North Beverly Glen. Thanks to the efforts of the traffic committee, which is now headed by Peter and Hadley Arnold, the City late last year repaved the road to prevent cars from skidding. The result is improved safety for both residents and drivers. Since the project was completed, it's been reported to me that there have not been any accidents around that corner, despite the heavy rains in late November and December. In the past, a rainy period inevitably led to accidents.
- The 2003 Fair and Holiday Party. Again, thanks to the hard work of several board members and helpful neighbors, we had a festive places to gather and celebrate the summer and the holiday season, respectively, with new neighbors and old friends.

- In all, 2003 was a great year, and we're just as optimistic for 2004. One of the ways we plan to increase participation is to institute the concept of the block captain. Susan Lerner, chair of community relations, has already begun organizing street meetings on this subject. The block captain for a given area will disseminate information about neighborhood events and issues, provide feedback and listen to concerns, and generally take the pulse of the area. He or she may also be the local point of contact in a disaster. The block captain is simply a neighbor—someone you regularly see, wave to, or chat with while walking the dog. Although we're still working out the details, we are looking for volunteers to be block captains. (And, no, having a dog is not a prerequisite.)

Our list of resolutions continues with a variety of projects to make our community a better place to live:

- A comprehensive emergency preparedness plan. Antoinette Bower is pulling this together and could use your help organizing its implementation thereby increasing your safety in case of disaster.
- An architectural tour. Look for information about this new event in the spring.
- The Annual Beverly Glen Fair is scheduled for the second Sunday in June. We currently need a social chair to help build and lead a team to keep the tradition going.

And the list goes on...

If you haven't quite made all those promised trips to the gym in January, you're in good company. But the opportunity to follow through on the resolution to become more involved in your community is wide open. Meet your New Year's resolution, and help us meet ours.

If you want to help, I want to hear from you. Please call me or one of the board members listed here in The Glenite.

Warm regards,

Karl Medina

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## Emergency Preparedness Corner

By Antoinette Bower and Sally Anne Rosenberg,  
Co-Chairs Emergency Preparedness

As we know, emergencies happen day or night and anywhere at all. It makes little difference whether they are produced by nature or man-made. We do not live on the flats, we are (except for the traffic) happy canyon dwellers. Which makes it all the more important to prepare ourselves as well as we possibly can, hoping we won't need our plans but nonetheless having plans NOW. Think in terms of managing on our own for quite a time. Look for useful tips in each issue of the Glenite which you can SAVE FOR YOUR BULLETIN BOARD. We'll keep you posted on best sources for interesting info, such as LAFDs [www.preparedness.info](http://www.preparedness.info) which we've mentioned before.

### INTERESTING INFORMATION

Speaking at the RBG Board Meeting on Monday, MARCH 8 at 7:30 pm will be Stacy Gerlich, Los Angeles Firefighter/ Lead Paramedic, LAFD Disaster Preparedness Unit. Come and bring others to hear someone who's knowledgeable and entertaining. Bring questions.

### Here's the useful tip for today

The City water supply is vulnerable to the effects of a large earthquake, for instance, but you can make your water safe to drink. Here are a couple of ways:

Best way: Add liquid chlorine bleach to the water (8 drops per gallon of water. Double this if the water is cloudy.) **OR** Alternate Acceptable method: Boil the water vigorously (5 minutes at sea level, adding an extra minute for every 1000 ft. above sea level. Double this time if the water is cloudy.)

The LAFD Emergency Preparedness booklet is excellent. No wasted words. And you can download the whole booklet for FREE by going to [adobe.com](http://adobe.com), then clicking on Adobe Reader and following through.

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For more info, visit [www.preparedness.info](http://www.preparedness.info)

## Be My Valentine...

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE BEVERLY GLEN PLAYGROUP

The Beverly Glen Playgroup endorses a developmental approach to learning, fostering the belief that children learn by doing. It is Playgroup's belief that a child's play is their real work, and it is through play that children integrate and understand the world around them. The Playgroup's program supports positive self-esteem by promoting mastery, competence and independence through the many creative activities each day. Judging by the creative Valentine's Day art, made by the children at The Playgroup, it's safe to say the philosophy is a success!!! For more information on the Beverly Glen Playgroup visit their website at [www.beverlyglenplaygroup.org](http://www.beverlyglenplaygroup.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Pam Cooke and Nancy Felixson, Glenites of Chrysanthemum Lane, are pleased to announce their marriage. Pam and Nancy were pronounced spouses by California State Assembly member Mark Leno at approximately 5:30 on February 13, 2004.

Pam and Nancy's wedding was mentioned in the Valentine's Day Editions of the Los Angeles Times, New York Times and San Francisco Chronicle.

### Beverly Glen Street Meeting Calendar Listings

The Resident of Beverly Glen Neighborhood Association has planned an upcoming street meeting.

The meetings are designed to garner community input about vital neighborhood issues, discuss emergency preparedness, and

foster general resident socializing. More street meetings are in the works. Watch for flyers and announcements about your street.

**900 Block of Beverly Glen Meeting**, Thursday, March 18th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Diane Fischer. Call 474-1168 for details.



## Report on the Bel-Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

By Robert A. Ringler, Vice President, BABCNC and Beverly Glen Association Council Representative

The Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC), met on December 17, 2003 and January 28, 2004 and I would like to share with you some of the highlights of those meetings. The Bel-Air/Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC) is made up of several Resident Associations, Educational, Labor and Faith Based Institutions, for a complete list contact our new phone number given below.

The December meeting was held at the Bellagio Community School and it was reported that we have a new website which is: [www.babcnc.org](http://www.babcnc.org).

The first link is to the Santa Monica Conservancy and we have links to other sites. The website will serve as an official posting place for Council items. The Council favored a newsletter that has an individual application for member-at-large.

The Neighborhood Council has also just acquired a new phone number and that is (310) 889-9053. Everyone was encouraged to visit the website as well as utilize the new phone.

The Chair of the Public Safety has resigned. The Council was asked to see if someone from their respective Associations might have someone who would be willing to chair this important committee. Don Loze from Benedict reported that the Benedict Canyon Storm Drain Project is on schedule as they have started digging trenches for the sewer line. The Administrative Committee met and Robert A. Ringler expressed a need for a recording secretary as well as ample storage space. The new phone number was approved. The Bel-Air Association will continue to be our mailing address until we have our new office.

Pam Cooke the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee announced there is nothing new to report on the "Retaining

## The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council works hard for you...

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABC) seeks to promote citizen participation in local government and to assist the City of Los Angeles in understanding and responding to the needs and requests of our neighborhood.

The purpose of the BABC is to act as liaison between local residents, community organizations, business, and the City government. The actions of the Council will be advisory in nature.

**WHO IS the BABC** Homeowners groups, neighbors and friends

**WHEN AND WHERE DOES the BABC MEET** At 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Bellagio School in Bel-Air with alternating meeting at the Wonderland School off Laurel Canyon on Lookout Mountain Road.

**WHERE AND HOW CAN YOU REACH the BABC**

Telephone: 310-889-9053

Address: 100 Bel-Air Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90077

Web-site: [www.BABCNC.ORG](http://www.BABCNC.ORG)

Wall" issue. The Bel-Air Presbyterian wants to expand. This has some of the area residents concerned about the impact this will have on traffic. The hearing for the Shelter Club has been postponed. Her committee is continuing to meet to develop a list of issues and develop a process to deal with these issues.

The following persons were elected officers of the Bel-Air/Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC): President: Steve Twining, Vice President: Robert A. Ringler, Secretary: Marcia Selz, Treasurer: Alan Fine.

The January 28, 2004 meeting was held at the Wonderland School in Laurel Canyon.

During the public comment period Patricia Bell Hearst and Irene Sandler spoke in opposition to the Sepulveda Boulevard Reversible Lane Project.

In the Public Safety Committee Report, Bob Knotek volunteered to be chair of the Public Safety Committee, which addresses emergency preparedness, coordination and educational programs.

### Planning and Land Use Committee Report by Pam Cooke, Chair

In Regard to retaining walls there will be a meeting held in Jack Weiss' office to get the process going again. Representatives from Benedict Canyon are helping move the process forward.

The Planning and Land Use Committee process is being worked on. Pam moved that she and her committee draft a letter to respond to the Harvard-Westlake draft EIR. Robert Ringler seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion was withdrawn since Pam and the Planning and Land Use Committee is already charged with reviewing draft EIRs as part of their normal committee responsibilities. The Council authorized Pam to proceed. Cliff Neiman from North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon discussed the issue of the grading and hauling process. There is no formal review process, so stakeholders have no way to address grading issues until a hearing on the haul route is held. This is deemed too late in the process and insufficient notice or voice. Furthermore, there is a belief that graders do not always identify the accurate amount of dirt to be hauled and therefore, the entire process of grading and hauling needs to be reviewed. In light of this discussion, it was decided that the Planning and Land Use Committee would: examine the current standards for grading and hauling, identify entitlement triggers, examine procedures, develop suggestions to improve the process, and develop suggestions for increased enforcement and penalties, since the City currently does not have enforcement mechanisms.

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## Membership Report

Dear neighbors and friends,

I'd like to thank all the residents that sent in their dues for 2003. We finished the year with 249 members, although my goal was 300. Currently we have 29 paid members for 2004. To help our community off to a flying start please take a moment to pay your dues today. Your support really does make a difference!!! I would like all other residents to become Glenites. We have approximately 650 homes in the Glen. When we increase our membership it helps us have a stronger voice in our community and create a better life style. Dues are only \$25 for a family, \$18 for a single membership, a Silver Sycamore is \$50.00 and a Golden Oak membership is \$100.00. To become a true Glenite pay your dues today.

For all residents to have a true sense of belonging we welcome you to any meeting or our next board meeting on March 8th at our community center. We will be discussing social events such as Architectural Walk and our Annual Summer Fair along with Emergency Preparedness. Any questions feel free to call Dan Buben @ 310 351 5942 or email me @ dbuben\_2000@Yahoo.com

Thank you for all your support,

Dan Buben

V.P. Membership

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### *Bel-Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, cont.*

The Traffic Committee chaired by Robert A. Ringler discussed the request made to Los Angeles Department of Transportation to have North Beverly Glen south of the Four Oaks Restaurant to be restriped. There was increased traffic enforcement on January 22, 2004, which netted 35 tickets and three impounds in a two hour period. The committee will look into safer trash bins on city streets.

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Reported that Jerry Daniel, chair of the Parks Committee, reported that at the next MRCA meeting the purchase of small parcels may be approved. As well as reporting there is a mechanism for returning BAD assessment money if the entire assessment amount was paid in error. For more information on this process, call 323-589-2800. In addition, Jerry

## Rock and Poll at LRCC

*The Les River Community Center Set to Rock and Poll This Winter As It Hosts "Town Hall Meeting 2004" and "Glen Music"*

The Les River Community Center (LRCC) located at 10409 Scenario Lane was pleased to announce that on Sunday, February 15th at 4:00 p.m. a "town hall meeting" was held complete with open dialogue between Glen neighbors on current political issues. The community discourse was used to discuss relevant social matters, just in time for Voting Day on March 2nd. Topics included: who's running for office, Prop 55 which allocates \$12.3 billion in school bonds, Prop 56 regarding budget bills, Prop 57 – the "state bail-out bond," and Prop 58 purposing a strict spending cap. It was an evening of thought-provoking discussion, wine, and cheese among friends.

On March 7th, beginning at 4:00 pm, The LRCC will host an afternoon of songs and laughter, as the LRCC will present "Glen Music," a complimentary concert featuring Beverly Glen singers, friends and instruments. The current line-up begins with The Happy Band a folk-based, country and contemporary group with an exciting blend of guitars, fiddle, and percussion, featuring Nancy Felixson and friends. Next up will be the musical styling of Ed Schuman, as he presents his rendition of Glen legends in "Songs for a Laugh." Finally, Imaginary Friends starring Barrie Berg, will delight the crowd with their blend of original, acoustic pop/ rock rhythms.

was re-elected as chair of the Santa Monica Conservancy.

DWP reports that they are asking for an increase in charges for security and improving water. At the City Council meeting on February 3, 2004 discussion on the increase was held.

From politics to leisure, the LRCC is available for your use every evening and weekend. It's the perfect setting for adult or children's activities, classes, discussion groups, meeting, exercise sessions, parties, actors' rehearsals, writers' groups – anytime a large comfortable space is needed. The LRCC can accommodate up to 40 people and offers a host of inviting features in a superb setting,



convenient location, with a large comfortable living room with hearth, outdoor shaded patio area, chairs (adult and kiddie size), some kitchen facilities, and ample parking on Beverly Glen Place or Beverly Glen Blvd. (No parking on Scenario Lane, please).

The fee for renting the LRCC is only \$50 per function, with discounts available for multiple uses. Also, first time use by Glen residents is free. For further information or to schedule the center, please call Fadia DeFalco at (310) 475-3820.

The LRCC Board would also like to extend many thanks to everyone who participated in our Donation Drive for their exceptionally warm, generous response.

In regard to new business the issue of BABCNC members inappropriately speaking on behalf of the Council at meetings or functions was discussed. John Amato cited an example from the

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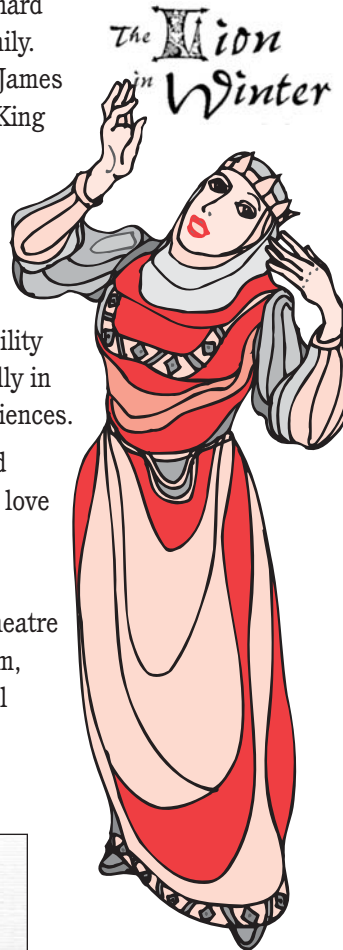
## The Lion in Winter Comes to Stage

Beverly Olevin, Glen Neighbor, directs American classic

Come meet King Henry, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Richard the Lionhearted and the whole dysfunctional family. Watch history unfold in Academy Award winner James Goldman's *The Lion in Winter* as the life and stories of King Henry II of England, Eleanor of Aquitaine and their complicated family transpire on stage. At heart this is a story of a family torn apart by betrayal, power struggles and fear. A family with layers of unspoken love, where trust is at a premium and loyalty is always for sale. The unique power of this play is Goldman's ability to let this famous twelfth century family speak poetically in modern tongue with wit accessible to 21st century audiences.

This classic theater event is appropriate for friends and family of all ages, especially teens and students with a love for theatre or history.

Directed by Glen Resident, Beverly Olevin, *The Lion in Winter* is running February 14 thru March 21, 2004. Theatre Forty, 241 Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills. Thur-Sat @ 8pm, Sun @ 2pm. Tickets from \$18-20. For Reservations call (310) 364-0535.



## Report from the Beverly Glen Traffic Committee

By Peter and Hadley Arnold, Co-chairs  
Traffic Committee

The Traffic Committee has approximately six volunteers who have expressed interest in working with us. An organizational meeting to outline short and long-term goals and delegate responsibilities is scheduled for late February. Please call us if you are interested in joining the effort to make the Glen's traffic situation safer, quieter, and cleaner.

Specific results to report: The DOT has repaved the dangerous corner at the 1600-1700 block with a new course mix of asphalt. Along with new striping and reflectors, it has slowed traffic down and provided greater traction as cars make the turn. Even with periods of heavy rains, there have been no accidents on that corner since improvements were made.

We are working with the DOT on the installation of BOT dots—raised, domed, edge-markers to be placed along the stripe separating the driving lanes from the break-down lanes—and placement of an LED speed-read-out trailer further north on the Glen. Increased signage and tree-trimming at existing signage is also planned.

Looking ahead: Along with the ROBG Planning and Land Use committee, the Traffic Committee will be drafting a response to the draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Harvard-Westlake expansion. The Board of Directors of the Residents of Beverly Glen recently voted to support our neighbors in the Holmby Hills Residents' Association in critically examining and constructively opposing the expansion as currently proposed by the school. We will be working in consultation with Robert Ringle, ROBG board member and chair of the West LA Traffic Committee and Pam Cooke, ROBG board member and representative to the Neighborhood Council.



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### Bel-Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, cont.

meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission. Steve Lukasik suggested that when we speak we can identify our role in the BABCNC, but unless we are duly authorized, we should also say that the opinions or views voiced or written are personal and do not represent the BABCNC. Bob Knotek reported on his circulation of flyers regarding burglaries in the Sunset Strip area while Carol Hamilton reported the conflict of interest code is still in development.

The next meeting will be February 25th at the Bellagio School in Bel-Air. This a special meeting where at 5:30pm an Election will be held for the following "At Large Candidates": Ronald Hudson, Vicki Kelly, Ann Fernbacher, and David Moullem. Two will be elected and serve on the Neighborhood Council. The General Meeting of the BABCNC will follow the Election at 7:30pm. At the Bellagio Community School.. If you have any questions please contact the BABCNC at (310) 889-9053 or at [www.babcnc.org](http://www.babcnc.org).

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