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Beverly Glen Website II

www.beverlyglen.org



It's a pleasure to at last announce that the old Glen web site has been replaced with a new edition. See it now at www.beverlyglen.org. On the Home page, you'll find Annual Events, Nature information, Glen History, Links, Residents of Beverly Glen pages, Board of Directors, Committees and Membership information. You'll also find photos and bios of your board members and a description of all the committees. The web team is committed to maintaining this site with updates throughout the year.

Residents are encouraged to visit the new web site often, for annual events updates and Glen news, and

to learn about your unique canyon community as never before. It will also be a valuable resource for information on plants and gardens, and where to find local hiking trails. You can access current and past issues of "The Glenite" and you can learn some of Les River's History of the Glen and the history of the Community Center. A new feature to be updated from time to time is, "Spotlight on a Glenite," on Glen activists who have helped make this such a great place to live. And another is the Photo Album with impressions of the Summer Fair, the Garden Walk and some archival black and white photos from the 60's. If you can identify these folks, please tell us. Contributing web site photographers are Marc Olevin, George Oliver, Adam Latham and the late Roger Marshutz.

Most important, the new web site is a forum. Board members and committee heads want your input with

ideas, complaints and information; whatever is on your mind, please feel free to keep in touch with the community volunteers who help to maintain the excellent Beverly Glen quality of life. The web master is graphic designer Susan Willen, the web supervisor is Warren Garfield, past president of LRCC and RBG, Inc. Your feedback about the new web site is welcome, too.

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Letter from the President

Happy New Year to all the residents of Beverly Glen! With each new year comes more challenges and more opportunities to make our neighborhood better. First and foremost, please visit the updated web site, www.beverlyglen.org. It has helpful links and contact information for the Board. Many thanks to Warren Garfield and Susan Willen for their tireless efforts.

I am pleased to announce our Residents of Beverly Glen Board for 2009. We have several dedicated continuing members and many new members, like myself, joining for the first time. See the adjoining roster for everyone's names. Please feel free to email any of our Board members with any questions or ideas on how we can improve the Glen.

None of this can be done without volunteers like the ones listed above, however, we need more help from the neighborhood as we are a smaller group this year. Any amount of time you can volunteer will help tremendously, from helping with a small aspect of one event to being on the Board, our ability to make our neighborhood better is only as strong as our ability to advocate and organize our community.

We also need new members to join the Residents of Beverly Glen. Your donation helps pay for the many great events like the Glen Fair and Holiday Party as well as help ROBG advocate for you,
THE RESIDENTS.

Ramin Kolahi
President



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Fireplace and Chimney Safety

By Dean Gamburd

Most folks consider their fireplaces and chimneys to be indestructible parts of their home that require little or no maintenance. While masonry work is generally as close to maintenance-free as you can get, fireplaces and chimneys are more than just works of masonry: they are a part of your home's heating system, which must effectively exhaust fumes from your fireplace, furnace and water heater.

Relatively minor but regular maintenance efforts can help your chimney operate safely for an indefinite period of time. In the U.S., many people are poorly informed about the importance of basic chimney maintenance. This lack of understanding causes a substantial number of preventable deaths and injuries each year.

Beyond the safety issue, neglect of chimneys leads to very expensive major repairs that would not be necessary if the chimney were properly maintained.

The three most serious problems that result from poorly maintained chimneys are: Carbon monoxide poisoning, Chimney fires, and Premature failure of the fireplace and chimney.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide poisoning claims about 4,000 lives a year in the U.S., and a significant number of these deaths are the result of poorly maintained chimneys. In addition, about 10,000 people are made ill by lower levels of exposure to carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion. The less complete the burning (combustion), the more carbon monoxide is generated. Gas hot water heaters, gas and oil furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves all generate carbon monoxide. One of the reasons carbon monoxide is so deadly is that you generally can't see or smell it: rarely do its victims have any warning. Low levels of poisoning tend to cause flu-like symptoms, so that people think they are > just catching a cold. More advanced poisoning can cause vomiting and > headaches and even death. Carbon monoxide is deadly because it tricks the body into thinking it is oxygen. The body actually prefers carbon monoxide, choosing it over oxygen when both are present in the atmosphere. Once in the body, carbon monoxide goes everywhere in the body, including the brain. Children, in particular, are quite susceptible to brain damage after relatively low levels of exposure. With chimneys, fireplaces and furnaces, most carbon monoxide problems occur because of improper exhausting of fumes. Such problems are almost entirely avoidable through regular professional chimney inspection.

Chimney Fires

Another major threat posed by inadequate maintenance is chimney fires. As fires burn, they generate smoke. As the smoke rises up the chimney, it comes into contact with the relatively cooler interior of the chimney (the flue), where some of the smoke condenses, like steam on a glass of cold water. The resulting condensed smoke is called creosote. Creosote is a black or brown gummy substance that builds up on the flue. Once a sufficient amount of creosote builds up, it can catch fire. The resulting chimney fire can range from being barely noticeable to being so dramatic that it sounds like a low flying jet. The danger in chimney fires comes from the extremely high temperatures generated, which can severely damage the mortar in the chimney and even ignite nearby burnable surfaces. The first fire in a chimney may not even be noticed or, if noticed, may instill a false confidence in the owner (noticing that they had one chimney fire and seeing no harm done, they conclude that the hazard doesn't apply to their circumstances). In many cases, the first chimney fire can cause cracks and loosen mortar joints that then provide the next fire with an avenue to reach the roof timbers and other combustible materials. Typically, chimney fires that spread to the rest of the house do so very quickly and consume the entire house before being brought under control. The high temperatures cause them to spread extremely fast, often trapping people in upper story bedrooms.

Chimney Failure

A third major danger from poorly maintained chimneys is failure of the basic structure itself. As discussed above, chimney fires can damage the mortar joints and cause cracks that crumble further with continued "small" chimney fires. Even before the second chimney fire has the opportunity to penetrate the cracks caused by the first, carbon monoxide can escape the chimney and leak into the living quarters of the home. Brain damage and death can occur before anyone has even noticed a problem.

Chimney Inspection

As frightening and fierce as the potential fireplace and chimney hazards are, they are almost entirely preventable. The Chimney Safety Institute recommends that homeowners who light fires in their fireplaces three or more times a week during the heating season should have their chimneys inspected and cleaned once a year. If unseasoned wood is burned in the fireplace, twice-a-year cleaning and inspection may be necessary, because unseasoned wood usually burns at a lower temperature than seasoned wood, causing more smoke and therefore more creosote. Some people assume that because they don't have fires continuously during the

winter, they don't have to worry too much about creosote buildup. This may be far from the truth. The colder the flue, the greater the condensation, so creosote buildup is the greatest at the beginning of a fire, in the time before the flue has fully heated up. The Chimney Safety Institute also recommends that if you use the chimney, wood stove, or free-standing fireplace less than three times a week, you should have the chimney inspected at least once a year and cleaned if necessary.

David Hollies is a remodeling industry educator and consultant. He is also the founder of Washington D.C.-based Home Connections, Inc.

TRAFFIC

As all of us know, traffic and safety are one of our communities' major concerns. The Residents of Beverly Glen has pushed for many improvements the past few years such as increased signage visibility and better signal timing.

More needs to be done! Just in the last few months of 2008 we have several head on collisions, single car collisions and even pedestrians hit. Unfortunately we are limited by our narrow road, steep hills and many commuters not driving safely through the Glen.

Unfortunately, many of the people that drive unsafely or are not courteous to residents pulling out of their streets are residents themselves!! We are all in a rush and all have important things to get to, however, let's give ourselves a little extra time, stop for our neighbors for a few seconds so they can pull out of their driveway or street.

I also want to reach out to residents to email me suggestions and most importantly any major issues you see that need addressing. Unfortunately, the city's budget is extremely tight and it is very difficult to get any major work done but sometimes it's the little things like striping, signage and the like that make a big, immediate difference.

So please be careful out there, I look forward to some great ideas at traffic@beverlyglen.org.

Ramin Kolahi

Meet the New Owners of the Glen market

by Warren Garfield



“We fell in love with Beverly Glen. We had to buy the market, we had to live here,” says new owner Daniel Dibs, his eyes sparkling. “It was the people, they are so nice,” says Daniel’s wife, Angelina. “We were looking for a market and we were talking to Mike Young, the former owner, about buying his market in Topanga. He wasn’t selling that one, but he was selling this one.” It was a stroke of luck for Daniel and Angelina, the young couple who are the new owners of the Glen Market. Daniel is Syrian after his mother but he was born in Iran, where his father worked. When his father landed a job at Bell Helicopter, the family came to America. Daniel went to school in Los Angeles, then to UCLA in 1997 where he studied political science. But that career path was cut short when he met Angelina, 17. She was studying skin care at Santa Monica College, and her father owned a small market. Dan started working for Angelina’s father in the market, learning the ropes, for about a year. He loved the work and Angelina helped him out. What do you think happened next? You guessed it, they fell in love. Soon they married and set off on a new path in their lives.

When they arrived this year at the Glen Market, the Dibs were surprised to see the large front window had bars. Why bars, they wondered? It probably goes back to the time the market was Odie’s. If any of you old timers know, please tell them. Their future plans for the Glen Market are ambitious and can be considered a makeover. The original country store look will receive an upgraded ambiance. Included will be a new deli/meat section with live butcher, plus a 55-degree wine room, an expanded liquor section with reasonably-priced wines and imported beer from around the world. There will be a 15-door cooler for refrigerated items, organic produce and a small coffee bar. Most food products, such as organic produce, will better serve the needs of the community. Interior shelving will be redone, the outside parking area and exterior will be cleaned up, and by the way, the bars on the window will be removed. And they’re looking for a house, of course, in the Glen. Next time you’re “in the neighborhood,” drop by the Glen Market and say hello to Daniel or Angelina, or welcome or good luck. And say you read about them in *The Glenite*.

Membership and Partnership

By Steven Foonberg, Membership Chair

The phrase for Membership in Spanish is “calidad de socio”. When broken down loosely back into English – one could interpret this to mean “quality of partner”. I find this translation to be quite relevant to the Residents of Beverly Glen (ROBG).

I began my partnership in the Glen in 1999 when I became a Board Member with the ROBG. Some of the qualities of my partner, The Glen, that I find rewarding include: The Glen does a great job of attracting a wide variety of wonderful people who call The Glen home. We pride ourselves as a community filled with people with diverse backgrounds and a wide variety of skills. The Glen is home to artists, entertainers, writers, entertainment executives, professionals, educators, engineers and healers.

I believe the fundamental purpose of the ROBG is to improve the quality of life in the Glen – which includes fresh air, fragrant trees, starlit nights, deer sightings, coyote serenades, a warm sense of community, and of course great neighbors. The ROBG addresses: building/zoning compliance, traffic issues, emergency preparedness, and promotes social endeavors. The ROBG exists for you and me. Collectively, the volunteer Board of the ROBG is your partner. You may not see us everyday – you may not hear from us every month – but we are here. We meet monthly, speak weekly and email daily in addition to our busy professional and personal lives.

I urge you to join the ROBG as a paid member today. The ROBG welcomes renters and owners alike. Don’t put off to tomorrow that which you can do today. This issue of *The Glenite* (another wonderful benefit to this community) has an Application for Membership. Choose the level that is a good fit for you. Write the check and mail it to the address listed. You won’t be disappointed. Besides joining us for social activities designed for adults and children – you will be showing your support for your partner, The Glen.

The Glen has been a good partner to me – won’t you make it your partner as well?

E-Mail Tree for the Glen

The Neighborhood Watch concept is nothing new to Beverly Glen. But many people are looking to expand it by developing an e-mail tree in the community. This e-mail tree could be used to alert neighbors to a variety of happenings, including unfortunate occurrences of crime around the Glen in the last year. Other non-emergencies could be addressed, as well as keeping us all connected. Over the past years several residents have compiled block-by-block lists of mostly phone numbers and maybe emails. Randall Davis currently has a list for Selkirk (rangdavis@yahoo.com), and Robin Armandpour (robinarmandpour@hotmail.com) has a list for Seabury and Beverly Glen Place. There is a list for Scenario but we're still looking for the owner. And there are probably lists out there somewhere for the upper and lower Glen as well as many other side streets.

But this is a big job and we need people to be involved. Are there any Block Captains out there? If you've done this before or have any of the old phone/contact lists, we need to know. And if you'd like to help coordinate gathering information for your

block or area, we'd love your help. If you'd like to get involved you can write to Marc Olevin at marcolevin@gmail.com or contact the Emergency Preparedness Committee at emergency@beverlyglen.org. The following information would be useful: Name, address, home phone/cell phone, e-mail. If they only want to put an address and e-mail, that's ok. This list is to be used mostly for emergencies, crime reports, traffic accidents. It is also useful to include any tenants living on the street, any serious medical conditions that residents have, and/or special skills that residents might offer (i.e. doctors, nurses, etc.) for emergencies.

"DOUBLE INDEMNITY" Premieres

Glen resident BEVERLY OLEVIN turns her creative directing skills on again as she brings this film noir classic to the stage as an adaptation of the acclaimed novel by James M. Cain. Beverly again teams up with writer Kathrine Bates, whose last collaboration produced "The Manor" at Grey-stone Mansion in Beverly Hills, now in its record-breaking seventh year of sold-out shows. Marc Olevin is the sound designer

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for Double Indemnity, now playing at Theatre 40 in Beverly Hills through March 15. Call (310) 364-0535 for reservations, or go to www.theatre40.org for information.

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

DEE NASITIR announces that The Assistance League of Southern California and the Nine O'Clock Players (founded in 1929!) will present "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday afternoons at 2 PM, March 1 through April 5. In Hollywood with secure parking. (323) 469-1970 or www.nineoclockplayers.com

Notes from last year's fair: Happy and Sad

We regret omitting from our long list of Fair thanks two of the most important. First, to Elke Heitmeyer for helping man the drinks while supplying good cheer and fair spirits all around. Then to the Flatland Band who have anchored the musical entertainment for many a year and without whose old time songs and danceable rhythms it just wouldn't be the same. Thanks to you both and we look forward to seeing you again at this year's Fair. Sadly, one person we won't see at the Fair is our sound man for many years, Alan Hirano, whose untimely death we just heard about. Our condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Council District Elections

Last year was an incredible time for our country politically, this year will be very important for us as a community. As many know, the council seat for district 5, OUR district, comes vacant this year. The Primary Nominating Election is Tuesday, March 3, and the General Municipal Election is May 19, 2009. The Councilmember for District 5 is vital to our district and has tremendous influence on development, traffic, safety, education and many other issues in our district. It is up to all of us to get involved, educated and VOTE!

HISTORIC GLEN PHOTO—First in a Series. Glen visitors to Violetta (Viretta) Lane Clubhouse after wagon trip from rail station at Santa Monica and Wilshire, circa 1920. From the Glen photo archives, thanks to Roger Marshutz.



Membership

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Growing Community in The Glen: Plant a Seed

By Karina Foonberg, *Social Chair Extraordinaire, but No Fair*

This year's Holiday Party held on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 pm at the Dorothy & Les Rivers Community Center was a tremendous success! During certain times throughout the evening people were actually lined up to get in. As the Beverly Glen Residents were greeted and checked in, they were each encouraged to renew their Residents of Beverly Glen Membership for 2009 and rewarded with a raffle ticket for having done so.



The raffle was just one way in which I felt we could build community by supporting one other. I believe that it is important to support local businesses and to have local businesses support the people that make up their community. Richard Renaldo and Steve Foonberg at Beverly Glen Realty (310) 474-1013 answered the call and provided the wonderful wine that warmed our spirits on that cold festive night. Steve Klippenstein executed yet another exceptionally designed holiday poster and invitation. Klipp Klipp Hooray! klipp@earthlink.net or www.klippart.com

As you may already know, membership has its privileges and this year all current members who attended the party participated in the holiday raffle. The raffle was a great success due to the generosity of the following local businesses. We would like to extend our gratitude to our Beverly Glen Centre merchants who so graciously donated items: Sue at Beverly Glen Pharmacy donated a beautiful silver, jewelry set valued at \$300. Faye at Faye's Lingerie donated the Nightie that made Santa blush. Both Nancy Epstein at Senses Optique and Wendy Goldman at Stripes each donated a \$25 gift certificate. Our local resident Kira Palmer with Kiss 'Em Gifts donated a tasty holiday gift basket – yum.

The elves that worked throughout the night and many days before to plan and help with this fun and festive event were: Dan Buben baked a New York cheesecake in LA – "always having your best interest in mind". Karina Foonberg, current Social Chair was responsible for securing raffle items. Steven Foonberg and Maya Foonberg diligently checked everyone in, renewed memberships and handed out candy canes at the door. Santa or shall I say Hanukah Harry came in the form of Ron Galperin candidate for Los Angeles City Council, Fifth District this year. He sold us on Community, Commitment and Creativity for a better LA. Dean Gamburd's no nonsense attitude helped us to prepare. Dobbie Heimer shopped 'til she dropped for holiday food with Elizabeth Hollendoner, former Social Chair. Elizabeth also protected the polar ice caps with her Panda Express eggrolls and Chinese faire. Greg Heimer helped out the clean team. Chris Holabird roamed the Glen posting signs. Ramin Kolahi cooperatively set up and masterfully became the master of ceremonies. Barbara Loyo Martinez gracefully accepted a variety of creative tasks before and after the event. Marc Olevin was in focus, as always. Dan Palmer's take-charge attitude made a big difference post event. Thank you to everyone who contributed, but was not mentioned by name. Thank you for making this year's Holiday Party a tremendous success!!!

Let's Keep Growing Our Beautiful Community in The Glen.
How will you plant a Seed? Yes we can!

There are so many other people who have helped make our 5 annual social events a success, and I apologize if I have left off any names- we wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Volunteering is definitely a time commitment, however, the friendships and memories that I have gained these past 3 years will stay with me forever.



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