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The Glenite Winter 2011

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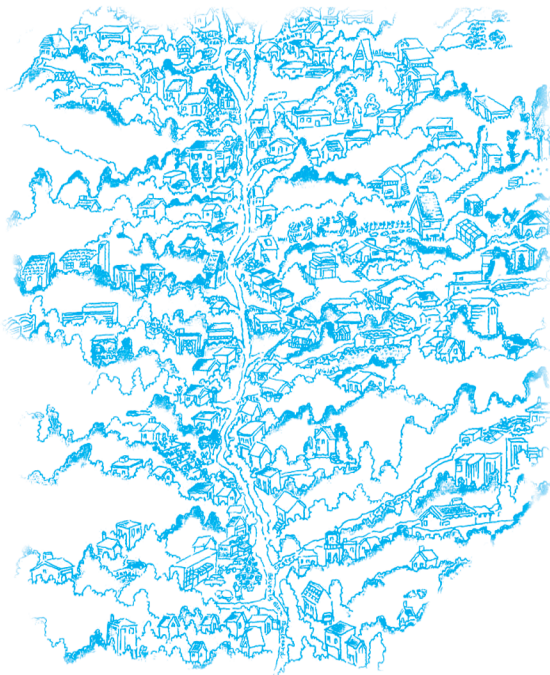
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The Glenite

News and Noteworthy Goings-on in the Glen

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A wonderful Holiday Party was had by all!

By Elke Heitmeyer

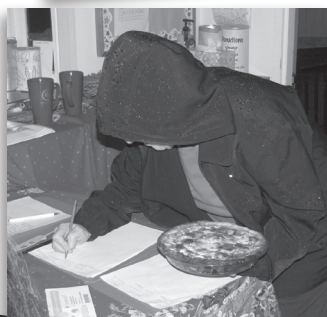
We are such a terrific community! People had a marvelous time at the Glen Holiday Party - chatting, laughing, catching up on Glen News, eating and drinking deliciously! It was such a fun event! Young Jadon and Gia Gershon entertained everybody musically and organized exciting games for the youth to play in the yard, while the tiny tots enjoyed the art projects Jim Earnhardt had provided.

And the adults were treated to super scrumptious food! Pat and Ned Wright as well as Diana La Fleur and Lee Weidman, Elaine and Bob Grunauer, and Hildreth Simmons had slaved over hot stoves

to make delicious entrees. Many generous Glenites contributed other delicacies, cookies



Friends and Fun at the 2010 Party



and cakes. To top it off, the neighbors were treated to some very special wines by Steven Foonberg of Beverly Glen Realty, charmingly served by Sharalee Flesche and Michelle Vannoy. Non alcoholic beverages were provided by our much appreciated neighborhood Glen Market!

Elke Heitmeyer, who had organized the event, led young and old in a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells.

Special thanks go to the indomitable clean up crew, led by Tensie and Dan Palmer, and Karen Simonson.

It really was a grand party!



Save the Date

Sunday, April 17

Garden Walk

2 pm

LDRCC

For the Spring Glenite, we shall celebrate home gardens and locally grown food. Help by sending us the names your favorite Farmers' Market vendors.
Send to glenite@beverlyglen.org

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Photos on this page were contributed by Marc Olevin, Diana Walstrom & Lee Weidman

Letter from the President

Greetings Glen Neighbors! We are full swing into 2011, and what a year it has been so far. We are in our typical mid-winter season in Los Angeles. We had 2.4" of rain in our rain gauge in January. Do you measure the weather in your yard? (If you have a Personal Weather Station, would you let me know?) Winter here is like Winter back east. We have had warm weather in the middle of the cold, and the Magnolia trees are blooming 2 weeks earlier than last year. Can the brush clearance deadline be far away? No, my friends, it is just around the corner. Start clearing that hillside grass, and the deadwood out of your shrubs and trees. My goal is to try to be ahead of that game this year... here comes that wind advisory. Never good news, as dry air accompanies the wind and dries every plant in the Glen. We need to be prepared, creating a defendable space around our homes from that enemy "fire".

Remember to greet our new neighbors. In the midst of your busy days, I challenge you to reach out to one neighbor you do not know (yet). Swap email addresses and phone numbers. Neighborhood bonds form a greater sense of community and are an important source of support, especially when emergencies happen. I can't tell you how often I wish I had contact information for the new renter across the street or the property owner of an empty home. We need to be aware and proactive in our community.

Read this Glenite newsletter carefully. Keep it where you can lay your hands on it, as there is always information that can help you in your life in this "urban forest". The website, www.beverlyglen.org, is a valuable resource as well. Check it often and send us a note... ideas, good news, not so good news... we want to hear from you. We are all here to work together, to serve one another. Take note of the names and email addresses of the board members. If you have questions about anything, please contact us. We cannot help with what we do not know.

Come to our monthly meetings, open to all residents in the Glen, homeowners & renters alike. We meet at LDRCC every month on the second Monday at 7:30 p.m. for 1½ hours. If you would like to add something to the agenda for a meeting, please contact me (president@beverlyglen.org) via email with your request. If your item requires a "motion", please include a typed or written copy, so we may review it before the actual meeting (saves time). We look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy living in the Glen ~ drive safely & courteously ~ we are an example to our children and commuters.

Tensie

Tensie Palmer
President

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TRAFFIC

By Evelyn Alexander, Traffic Chair

The goal of the traffic committee is to promote the safety of those of us who live here.

We hope that residents will drive the speed limit (30 mph) through Beverly Glen, setting a good example for our commuting visitors.

Our traffic committee has worked closely with the Los Angeles Police Department, and you may have noticed recently that we have had additional enforcement of the commercial vehicles who use Beverly Glen as a cut-through from the Valley to the Westside. Commercial vehicles are NOT PERMITTED to use Beverly Glen for this purpose. Commercial vehicles (trucks over 6,000 lbs) that have business here in the Glen are, of course, allowed to use this route. Other trucks are not supposed to do so. Our commercial traffic enforcement officer is Tim Rolsen, a 25-year LAPD veteran who is an expert on this issue. You will see him from time to time on his motorcycle stopping large trucks down near Greendale.

If you see trucks from the same company over and over again, please let our traffic committee know the name of the company. For example, we have let Off. Rolsen know that we have seen Town & Country party rental trucks (based in Sherman Oaks) coming through Beverly Glen frequently. Rolsen has been in touch with this company and let them know that

they are not supposed to use Beverly Glen as a freeway alternate for their trucks.

You can help us remind the LAPD that we have a speeding problem here – the more they hear from us, the more likely they will come enforce the speed limit. **Call LAPD at 213-473-0222** and let them know if you have experienced someone driving too fast or dangerously, like zipping into oncoming traffic to go around a driver going the speed limit. LAPD needs to hear from us. You don't need to give a license plate – just let them know that we need additional speed enforcement in the Glen.

If you are interested in getting involved in traffic issues or have any great ideas for our committee, please contact Traffic committee chair Evelyn Alexander at 310-470-3024, or traffic@beverlyglen.org.

BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Report on November 17, 2010 -
January 26, 2011 Meetings

By Ramin Kolahi

PARKING GARAGE

As many know, the City has proposed leasing various parking garages to private companies in exchange for a lump sum payment in order to help balance the 2010-2011 budget. After much opposition from various community leaders and a strong stance by our Councilmember Paul Koretz, the City is reconsidering this proposition. Although the Mayor strongly

supports it, it presents significant issues particularly to Westwood Village as inexpensive parking is the lifeblood of Westwood Village and its businesses we all visit. BABCNC approved a motion to join various councils and groups, including the West Regional Alliance Council in opposing the proposed P-3 idea. One issue to consider is if the next step will be the parking meters, which have had a dramatic impact in Chicago.

PLANNING AND LAND USE

Planning Department Changes

The City is significantly re-organizing the Planning Department and making big changes to how it's run. The goal is for Planning to be more efficient and transparent. Keep your eyes open for postings and emails from RoBG allowing you to voice your opinions about these changes. As always, you can visit the Planning Department's website for more information, cityplanning.lacity.org.

Developments

10291 & 10297 Mariel Lane - Request for Zoning Administrator's Adjustment on front and side yard setbacks. RoBG contacted the applicant and is working to facilitate a neighborhood meeting. This ZAA request is the same the one approved in 2006.

1756/1774 Beverly Glen - Lot line adjustment for the former Rivers home.

Storm Damage

A home on Oletha was red tagged by LA Building and Safety because of a tree that fell down on the home. Keep watch for trees with heavy canopies, that are leaning or generally unsafe.

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OFFICER'S ELECTION

The officers of BABCNC were recently re-elected. Our very own Robert Ringler continues as President, Ron Galperin as Vice-President, Alan Fine as Treasurer and Irene Sandler as Secretary. Congratulations to Robert for continued leadership!

42nd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Assemblyman Feuer's office recently reported on his efforts to minimize recent health insurance rate hikes and exclusions for children with pre-existing conditions. To learn more, visit democrats.ca.gov/members/a42.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

Hard-working Field Deputy Jeff Ebenstein reported on the budget crisis, a projected \$350 million for 2011-2012. If you want to voice your opinions on ways to balance the budget, you can visit LABudgetChallenge.lacity.org through February 27th. CD5 is proud to have a liaison with LADWP, Victoria Cross will help facilitate issues from our district.

Councilman Koretz has been working on job growth through a Small Business Summit and looking for ways for the City to save money as Chair of the Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY

BABCNC has put together emergency placards for RoBG residents to help with things to do in advance and during emergencies. Keep an eye out for the orange laminated cards, keep them somewhere handy and remember, in a true emergency, we are all alone up here.

RoBG will be posting contact information for West LAPD five points of contact, these hard working men and women are responsible for an almost 15% reduction in crime from last year. Don't forget you are part of that role as well.

RoBG sadly reports that Captain Eaton from West LAPD succumbed to throat cancer in December, our thoughts go to his family. He will be missed.

I-405

Wonder what, when, how and why is going on with the 405 construction, visit the following for regular updates on closure, construction schedules:

www.metro.net/I405,
www.twitter.com/I_405
www.facebook.com/405project

MEMBERSHIP

By Bob and Elaine Grunauer

Elaine and I wish all the residents a happy and healthy 2011! We are off to a promising start for 2011 and we want to thank those residents who have already renewed their memberships. Our membership year runs from January through December so if you haven't already renewed we are asking that you do so as soon as possible. We are already gearing up for this year's Annual Glen Fair, among all our other activities. If you love getting the Glenite as much as we do then we know that we can count on you. Our lofty goal is to increase membership and community involvement at least 10% this year and we can only do it with your help. We welcome everyone who lives in the Glen, you don't have to be a house owner to join, you only have to care about your community. Renters are more than welcome to participate in our organization. Membership levels are: \$25 for a single person, \$35 for a family, \$50 for a Silver Sycamore and \$100 for a Golden Oak. Please see the last page of this Glenite for the application and mailing information. Please join us in giving a little back to your community; we are watching out for your interests!!!

HILLSIDE FEDERATION

By Gillian Calof

NBC UNIVERSAL EVOLUTION PLAN

NBC Universal is proposing to build one of the largest infill real estate developments in Los Angeles history at its property at the junction of the 101 and 134 freeways. The project proposes to create 2 million square feet of new commercial

development including 500 hotel rooms, almost 3000 residences, studio facilities, and tourist attractions. The project will have significant negative impacts on traffic and air quality in the surrounding areas, however, according to the Draft Environmental Impact Report the project is not expected to have any significant impact on Beverly Glen Blvd traffic. RoBG will continue to monitor and report on any potential impacts to our community as this project develops.

BASELINE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE

The Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) is still awaiting finalization at the City Attorney's Office. As you may know, the BHO is an important amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code that deals with single-family residential zoned lots in hillside areas, attempting to address out-of-scale construction on small or steep hillside lots in Los Angeles, while addressing property rights and other needs. While the BHO has been at the Attorney's Office since August 2010, we expect it will be the end of February 2011 at the earliest before it is finalized.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Dan Palmer

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Los Angeles, is coming to The Glen! Are you ready for the next disaster, large or small? You can't predict, but you can prepare!

CERT members receive 17 1/2 hours (one day a week for seven weeks) of initial training. CERT is provided free of charge within the city of Los Angeles to anyone 18 or over.

DATE: Begins March 8th, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: LDRCC

Contact Dan Palmer at emergency@beverlyglen.org to sign up.

See www.cert-la.com

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WEBSITE

www.beverlyglen.org is the place for you to keep up-to-date on all of the latest news and events going on in The Glen. If you have not already done so, subscribe by entering your email address in the section on the upper right of the website homepage - www.beverlyglen.org. So far 263 residents have signed up to our email list.

Since our last report we have had:

1,309 Visits

931 Unique Visitors

3,454 Page views

So visit www.beverlyglen.org to stay up-to-date on what is happening in our community, learn about what RoBG does for you, explore ways to get involved and stay connected!

NEWS & NOTICES

BREAKING NEWS:

Our very own Beverly Olevin has just had her book, "The Good Side of Bad," selected by Kirkus Discoveries as the BEST FICTION BOOK of 2010. Kirkus is the definitive pre-publication review source within the literary and film industries. Many Glenites came to Beverly's readings over the last few months at the DLRCC and/or Borders Westwood (just before it closed) or have purchased the book online. Perhaps we need another book signing! Congratulations, Beverly!!

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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.

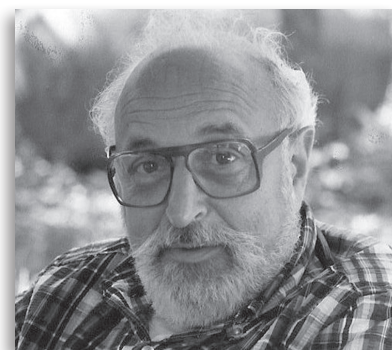


GLEN GARDEN WALK & TALK

Sunday, April 17 2pm

By Elke Heitmeyer

Join your friends and neighbors for the annual Glen Garden Walk on Sunday, April 17. This year we will try something (actually a few things) new. We will meet at the Community Center, LDRCC, 10409 Scenario LN, at 2 pm for Cake, Coffee and Mimosas, then head out to a few special gardens. Apart from viewing the wonderful gardens, we will learn about growing food in the garden, interactions with wildlife and birds, drought tolerant plantings and other interesting topics. Please contact me if you can contribute anything along those lines - gardens, knowledge, a van for busing attendees to the 'vineyard' a bit down and up the hill. Any help is greatly appreciated, my work has gotten very busy, so I am looking for people who can take a little share of the Social Events Committee! Elke @ social@beverlyglen.org.



Bob Levine 1930—2010

GOODBYE TO A LONG-TIME GLENITE

Robert (Bob) Levine, a long-time resident of Beverly Glen, died on December 6, 2010, at UCLA's Medical Center. Bob and his wife, Carol, moved to Beverly Glen thirty-four years ago, buying the house on Chrysanthemum Lane in which they have lived and raised their three sons, David, Peter and Joseph, all of whom attended Playgroup. Bob was best known in the Glen for the energetic and active role he played for many years in the original Beverly Glen Democratic Club (started by Les Rivers) and for his pivotal role in restarting the Club, which is still active. However, Bob played important roles on a broader stage as well.

He had a long and distinguished career as an economist and policy analyst, holding major posts in the federal government and in organizations consulting with the government. As Assistant Director for Research, Planning, Programming, and Budgeting in the Office of Economic Opportunity from 1965-1968, he was chief planner for the "War on Poverty" under Sargent Shriver, and from 1975-1979, he was Deputy Director of the Congressional Budget Office. During these periods, although the Levines lived in Washington D.C., they kept their house in the Glen. When not working for the government, Bob was employed by the RAND Corporation and the Systems Development Corporation, both in Santa Monica, and taught at Yale, UCLA, and Stanford. He will be missed.



IN THE KITCHEN WITH DIANE

Dark Chocolate Sorbet

By Diane LaFleur

I tried experimenting with chocolate sorbets when my husband's favorite chocolate soy sorbet was discontinued at the local Trader Joes. It was Lee's idea to add in the scotch whiskey; which adds a really wonderful undertone of flavor.

It took about six tries to perfect this recipe. At first I had used a double boiler to melt the chocolate (very time consuming). Also, by adding in the nut butter and oil the sorbet becomes less icy. I use a Cuisinart two quart ice cream/sorbet maker for this recipe. At times I will also add in toasted chopped hazelnuts the last 5 minutes (ice cream maker phase). Makes about fourteen ½ cup servings.

4 ½ cups unsweetened soy milk
½ cup organic brown sugar
2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
10 oz dark chocolate (72% cacao) broken into medium size chunks
Pinch of sea salt
4 tablespoons smooth almond butter
4 tablespoons almond oil or grape seed oil
2-3 tablespoons single malt scotch whiskey (optional)

In a heavy, non-aluminum pan slowly heat the soymilk. Add in all of the ingredients except the vanilla extract and scotch. Whisk at a low heat until all the ingredients are blended and the chocolate is melted (about 5 minutes). Let cool, cover and refrigerate overnight. (This

is called your pudding) The next day stir in the scotch (optional) and vanilla. Put into electric ice cream maker, making sure the frozen bowl is very cold, and mix for 25 min. At this point the sorbet will have a soft texture. If a firmer consistency is desired, put into an airtight container and transfer to the freezer. Remove from the freezer about 10-15 minutes before serving.



BENTORNATO, JOE ROSA -- WELCOME BACK!

By Warren Garfield

In 2005 Joe Rosa, the original owner of the Beverly Glen Marketplace, sold the market, retired and moved to Italy. The market had been the cornerstone of the Glen Center, drawing customers to all the merchants. It had the same layout and the same goal as Joe's dad's old store in New Jersey, to analyze the needs of the community and serve it. This Joe did for years, developing the market until he sold it. The new owners copied Joe's management style and everything went well for two or so years, but then business slowed and declined. Suddenly inventory was depleted, charge accounts were stopped, other merchants in the Center were feeling the pinch and the Glen Center landlord was unhappy. The new owners were in default, and the market was in need of a change.

When he found out they wanted to sell, Joe felt a duty to return to Bel Air and restore the

market to its former glory. It was not an easy decision; he was retired in sunny Italy after a lifetime of hard work. But, the community surrounding the market, composed of professionals and entertainment people with a new population of young people, have limited time, and Joe understood that they still need the convenience they became accustomed to a few years ago.

Once again serving neighbors in Beverly Glen, Bel Air, Brentwood, Sherman Oaks and the Valley, Joe will provide a full neighborhood market, prime and choice meat, a deli for prepared foods and take-out, a bakery, a full line of groceries and a wine and spirits enoteca. He says his goal is not only to restore the market but to take it to the next level.

Joe still maintains his home in Italy and plans to go back for a week or so at a time, once the market is rolling. He admits he's never satisfied, always striving to serve the community better. He's proud that he's made many friends here over 30 years, and watched their children grow up, people who still come in to say hello, not only to buy something, but to chat. Be sure to stop by the market and ask for Joe, and remember to say you read about him in "The Glenite".

DON'T FORGET THE MARKET AT CRATER

By Chris Holabird

Congratulations to Joe Rosa for bringing his Market at the top of the Glen back from the dead and making it once again a great place to shop, just like the good old days. All it takes is one good man to get things right!

But meantime, don't forget the small but also fine Market at Crater Lane. You may remember Danny Dibs and his wife Angelina who ran the store for a couple of years. After Danny's father died he had to move to Long Beach to take over their family store, so now you will be greeted by Lisa Toma whose son-in-law Abe is one of the original partners to buy the Market. Lisa makes sure the place is as friendly as ever and presides over a selection of staples together with a fine selection of wines in all price ranges and liquors in an amazing variety of bottle sizes and shapes. Don't forget to stop by. You can divide your shopping between top and middle of the Glen and help to keep both of our Markets thriving.

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